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▶ Ottawa Senators' Alex Kovalev is checked by San Jose Sharks' Dany Heatley (15) and Patrick Marleau (12) during second-period NHL action Thursday night. Heatley is still tight-lipped on his reasons for leaving the capital. Story, page 44.

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Sens' offence against Sharks weak

Former Senators forward Dany Heatley faced a chorus of boos at Scotiabank Place Thursday. But the attention didn't seem to faze his team: Logan Couture scored twice and Antti Niemi made 28 saves as the San Jose Sharks blanked the Senators 4-0.

Sex workers still optimistic

Landmark prostitution ruling put on hold till spring {page 14}

McCain telling, not asking

Senator: It's a bad time for military gays to come out {page 11}

Ambassador slams Afghan 'patronage and control'

▶ Conservatives, Liberals rallying around William Crosbie after secret cable leaked ▶ In a second leaked memo, Crosbie offers to resign due to pending WikiLeaks release

Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan is quoted as saying the corruption of the Karzai government made his "blood boil," in a diplomatic cable released Thursday by the whistleblower website WikiLeaks.

Ambassador William Crosbie offered that unvarnished assessment in his discussion last February with his U.S. counterpart, Karl Eikenberry.

The two diplomats were having a meeting in Kabul about the upcoming Afghan parliamentary elections and their views on Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

"In a frank discussion, Canadian ambassador Crosbie explained to ambassador Eikenberry that getting the electoral process right is a bottom-line position for Canada, and said we must be prepared for confrontation with Karzai on this issue, or risk losing credibility among our own population if we go along with a rigged election," said the cable, which was posted on the website of Britain's Guardian newspaper.

"Ambassador Crosbie told the ambassador that getting this right is a bottom line issue for the Canadians. He was emotional, saying the issue 'makes my blood boil,' as he described the Canadian view that the international community must stand up for the silent majority or be blamed for letting Karzai and his family establish across the country the system of patronage and control that exists in Kandahar."

Crosbie's perspective was hardly new. But the cable offers new insights into the Harper government's underlying concern about the military sacrifice Canada is making on behalf of an unreliable government. It surfaces only weeks after Prime Minister Stephen Harper pressed Karzai on corruption at the NATO leaders' summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM backs ambassador

- Earlier on Thursday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended Crosbie.
- Asked whether the ambassador went too far in his criticism of Karzai, Harper said: "Crosbie doesn't represent the government of Afghanistan, he represents the government of Canada in Afghanistan."

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper, with his family and National Capital Commission chairman Russell Mills, right, watches the launch of the Christmas Lights Across Canada program Thursday night on Parliament Hill.

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Police to target bad apples only

‘When an officer mentions that they’re embarrassed, because of what people say to them, that makes it very difficult on morale’: Chief White said he understands public outcry

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The Ottawa Police Service will be reviewing its jail procedures after the release of a second video in two weeks of rough treatment of a detainee.

Chief Vern White said the review will cover public intoxication and arrest procedures, strip search procedures and operating procedures for central cellblock.

“For the past couple of weeks, we have heard from many citizens who have expressed their concerns about how Ottawa police members deal with people in our custody and, more specifically, how we have dealt with Ms. Stacy Bonds,” White said Thursday.

“We fully appreciate the fact that some people have been perturbed and angered by the video.”

Still, he said, “We can’t lose sight of the fact that Ottawa police members respond to thousands of calls everyday, and do so in a competent and highly professional manner. As the chief, I want to make it absolutely clear that I have full confidence in the men and women that serve this community.”

Everyone doing this job will feel that they are under scrutiny, said White.

“But the reality is that we’re always under close scrutiny.

“Are we discounting everything great that’s been done? Because that’s not about fairness. So we will hold people to account who need to be held to account every single day. But it’s unfair to hold those who should not be held to account for the actions of others.”

A 2009 video showing an officer kicking a man, Terry Delay, was released earlier this week following the release of a 2008 video of Stacy Bonds having her shirt and bra cut off.

The same special constable was allegedly involved in both cases.

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Extension is good news for local projects

New federal surplus deadline will permit one more construction season ◗ Wet summer slowed work

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The federal government's extension of the deadline for completion of Economic Stimulus Fund projects from March 1 to Oct. 1, 2011 should allow all projects in Ottawa to be completed with full funding, the city's general manager of infrastructure services predicted Thursday.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances, this announcement will allow the city to complete 100 per cent of the work under the program," Wayne Newell wrote in a memo to the mayor and council.

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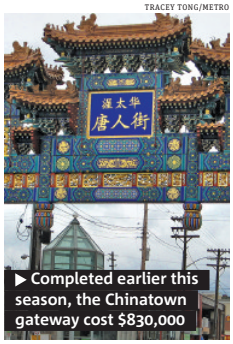

▶ Completed earlier this season, the Chinatown gateway cost $830,000

As of Sept. 30, 63 out of 115 projects in Ottawa were complete. Outstanding projects are valued at $369.1 million.

City of Ottawa figures indicated only two per cent of local projects, or about $8 million worth, wouldn't be completed by the old March 31 deadline. Nationally, it's about 25 per cent.

"Premier McGuinty led the way to protect the jobs these projects are creating, and we are pleased the federal government has listened," Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli, who is also MPP for Ottawa West-Nepean, said.

"Some projects need a little extra time, and it just makes sense to give them one more construction season."

Businesses asked to support living wage

Fair wages will be the topic of discussion at Cycle Logic Friday morning as members of Ottawa ACORN gather support for the Living Wage campaign.

Local businessman Ian Fraser will host the event in order to ask other businesses to follow him by making a living wage part of their policies.

"The current minimum wage is not a living wage," he said. Nadia Willard, a supporter of Living Wage, said Statistics Canada has proven that employees need to make at least $13.50 per hour in order to meet their basic needs.

"If we want to deal with poverty in a significant way, we must end up paying people who do an honest day's living," she said.

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$13.50
Minimum hourly wage needed, according to Nadia Willard.

60 seconds

▶ David Usher

DAVID USHER
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After releasing this seventh solo album The Mile End Sessions, Juno-award winner David Usher will be performing at the Shenkman Arts Centre next Wednesday.

What kind of show will you put on?
It's an acoustic tour and I've been touring the album for a couple of months. It's a really intimate show.

What motivated you to go solo?
You need to try different things and step out on your own, you know? You want to try many different things and that's life — you try different experiences.

Would you call yourself an activist?
Well, I wouldn't call myself an activist, but I've worked with Amnesty International, Tree Canada, and Kids Help Phone. For War child, we did a documentary on Burma. I've also worked with David Suzuki. I helped by recording voice messages to the prime minister about climate change.

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▶ Laureen Harper, wife of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, watches Neil Barron, left, and Tyler Preston play a racing game at CHEO.

SICK KIDS CONNECT WITH VIDEO GAMES

Video games are often blamed for being a negative distraction for most kids, but at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, playing them is a distraction from the pain.

Neil Barron was one of the first patients at CHEO to try Microsoft's new motion-tracking sensor for the XBox gaming console Thursday and thought it was really fun. "When patients are isolated and they can't move around much, it's really good to get them going," the 18-year-old said.

Microsoft announced the company will donate over 200 Kinect sensors to 14 children's hospitals across Canada.

"Distraction is a great tool when you're in pain," said CHEO child life specialist Maureen Jones. "They can continue to be kids." JOE LOFARO

'We see more animals than we have space for'

TRACEY TONG/METRO

▶ The OHS's Carla Seguin plays with Koodoo, a Siberian husky mix, and Anikulu, a husky malamute mix at the shelter Thursday.

The OHS Iqaluit Program began rescuing dogs in 2002 While 82% of funding for their new HQ has been raised, donations are still needed

The Ottawa Humane Society is hoping the holiday spirit will inspire Ottawa residents to adopt homeless dogs rescued from Nunavut, like Anikulu, a four-month-old Alaskan malamute puppy.

Once a week, Canadian Northern Airlines flies these dogs in free of charge from Iqaluit, which suffers from severe dog overpopulation. Many would otherwise starve to death or be shot.

The OHS is chronically short of space, though, and can only make so much room for the dogs, said communications manager Mandy Chepeka Thursday.

"We see more animals than we have space for," she said. "We see over 11,000 animals a year in a space designed for a fraction of that."

"They're of a breed, either husky or malamute, and obviously they do need more exercise than a smaller dog ... this is a dog that probably needs a large fenced-in yard."
MANDY CHEPEKA, OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY

Construction is underway on the society's new, larger home on West Hunt Club Road, she said, and they should move in this May. STEVE COLLINS

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Cyclist to tackle summit

‘Recovery is ongoing ... we all have challenges ahead of us’: White

One of five cyclists struck by a hit-and-run driver in Kanata last year will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for disadvantaged women and girls through CARE Canada in 2011.

Although his physical injuries from the collision have healed, Nepean resident Mark White, now 38, said he suffered a complex brain injury from the crash and continues to see several therapists.

While recovering in hospital last year, White read about a friend’s charity work with disadvantaged boys and girls in Africa. That compelled him to go on a volunteer expedition in Kenya earlier this spring, where he met a little girl who inspired him to do more.

“The funds raised will contribute towards providing them with opportunities for self-sustained economic development to provide them a means to support their family and selves,” said White, who is hiking in Gatineau Park in preparation for the climb next February.

White said it wasn’t the collision that compelled him to do this.

“We go out and do things, because we’re caring and dynamic people,” he said. “It’s not because of the accident.” TRACEY TONG

Donate to Mark White through climbforcare.ca.

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▶ Mark White hopes he’s able to encourage people through his own struggles.

Discounts in numbers for local site’s users

Ottawa resident Olivier Simart knew that when he started Koopon, he wouldn’t have an easy time going up against the big guy.

Ottawa-based Koopon — a group buying website which offers daily coupons at local businesses — is following the success of Groupon, an American company which pioneered the new online trend.

“We try to be as local as possible, compared to Groupon,” said Simart.

“That’s something we’re trying to focus on and really make a difference with the big guys.”

If enough people buy into the featured deal, everyone gets it. Spreading the word through Facebook and Twitter, however, is key in tipping customers off to the daily deals.

“If you’re looking to expand your business and grow your customer base, that’s the best way to go,” said Simart.

Ottawa’s Marked Paintball owner Däg Militky has tried this online trend but said it can be good and bad for business.

“It’s good because smaller businesses can get on board,” he said, but added that some customers wouldn’t return without another deal. JOE LOFARO

Buying power

Group buying websites help businesses reach new customers with huge savings.

- Deals, usually for 50 to 90 per cent off a product or service, are delivered to subscribers daily via email.
- Businesses such as hair salons, restaurants, and comedy clubs have already jumped on board.
- Customers can also buy the coupons as gifts.

“We have people buying five, 10 coupons each time.”
OLIVIER SIMART

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▶ Ottawa’s Olivier Simart hopes to expand his reach to Gatineau soon.

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Seriously, those Wiki leaks are a bit of a giggle

- Merkel's uncreative, Berlusconi's a party boy
- And then there's Gaddafi's voluptuous Ukrainian ...

WIKI LEAKS

World leaders may be doing worldwide damage control amid the WikiLeaks crisis, but for others poring over thousands of secret U.S. documents, there's been an unexpected treasure unearthed .

Laughter.

Springing from the fingertips of buttoned-down American diplomats have been several colourful dispatches about some of the most powerful, famous and feared people on Earth, revealing them to be every bit as human as the rest of us.

Britain's Prince Andrew: He puzzlingly boasts about Britain's superior geography teachers at a lunch with the U.S. ambassador to Kyrgyzstan.

Germany's Angela Merkel: She was described as someone who "avoids risks and is rarely creative."

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi: He is "vain, feckless" and a serious party boy whose late-night revelries prevent him from being an effective leader.

Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi: He needs to be accompanied everywhere by a "voluptuous blond" Ukrainian nurse.

North Korea's Kim Jong-Il: In Asia, diplomats quoted sources describing him as a "flabby old chap."

France's President Nicolas Sarkozy: He spent a meeting with the U.S. ambassador chasing a rabbit around his office.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oh joy, no joy

- Longtime Canadian diplomat Paul Frazer says his cables stuck to issues — not stories of wild parties.
- "I was in Warsaw in the midst of communism. There wasn't a lot of fun happening."

Ivory Coast. Joy in the streets

▶ Supporters of opposition leader Alassane Ouattara celebrate in Abidjan Thursday.

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Was it a win — or a 'coup bid'

A senior adviser to Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo has described an electoral commission's announcement of an election victory for the opposition as "an attempted coup." An election runoff was held last Sunday.

3 WikiLeaks says Mexican officials proposed a strategy for regaining order in three cities —Tijuana, Juarez and Culiacan.

Mexico's big fear

A Mexican minister told U.S. officials he feared Mexico would lose control of parts of the country to drug traffickers, says WikiLeaks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MPPs stand together to beat a silent killer

Tragedies like the one that claimed the life of an Ontario Provincial Police officer and her family two years ago could be avoided if a bill to mandate the use of carbon monoxide detectors in all Ontario homes becomes law, Progressive Conservative Ernie Hardeman said Thursday.

Const. Laurie Hawkins, her husband, Richard, and their two children, Cassandra, 14, and Jordan, 12, all died when a clogged chimney vent caused carbon monoxide to seep back into their Woodstock home.

Members of all three parties supported a private member's bill by Hardeman to require all residential dwellings be equipped with CO detectors on second reading Thursday, sending it to a legislative committee for further study.

"This would avoid more tragedies like the loss of the Hawkins family by ensuring all Ontario families are protected by a carbon monoxide detector," said Hardeman.

"I am asking the government to move forward with committee hearings this winter so we can make this law and save lives."

Hawkins's uncle, John Gignac, said: "I'm pleased that MPPs found it in their hearts to unanimously take this important step."

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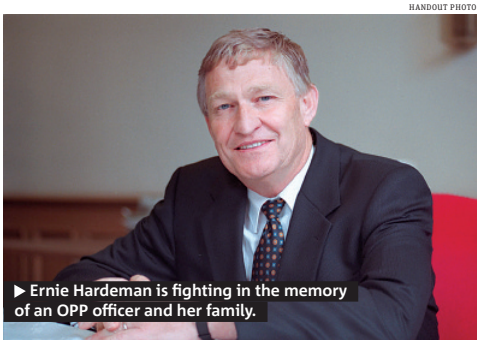

▶ Ernie Hardeman is fighting in the memory of an OPP officer and her family.

Saving lives

- Hardeman's bill would amend Ontario's building code to mandate carbon monoxide detectors in all homes, condos and rental apartments, not just those built after August 2001.
- Private member's bills rarely become law, but the Liberal government has signalled this one may get farther than Hardeman's previous attempt.

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Canuck YouTube stars share tips on going viral

Keep posting and don't pay attention to commenters, auteurs say Popular site not a get-rich-quick scheme

There's a subculture of web users who speak reverentially about the work of RayWilliamJohnson, ShayCarl, or MysteryGuitarMan.

None are household names, but Internet famous? Definitely.

A roomful of YouTube auteurs aspiring to the same status gathered Thursday night at Google's Toronto office to trade tips on how to hit it big on the web's largest and most popular video site.

Corey Vidal says getting a million hits on YouTube was tough but getting 50 million, that was actually much easier.

And while the 23-year-old Oakville, Ont., native doesn't think he's necessarily cracked the code to YouTube fame and fortune, he has quit his job to become an online video pro.

"My advice is just keep going, don't get lazy, don't give up, don't get discouraged if things aren't working," Vidal said during a panel discussion.

Also on the panel was user FLuffeeTalks — he prefers not to go by his real name — who has nearly half a million subscribers and almost 94 million views. He recommended that newer users not get discouraged by the nasty cesspool that is YouTube's comment section.

"If you have haters, that's when you know you're starting to get popular," he said.

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11.5 million hits

- User Mugglesam — who didn't want to reveal her name — said commenters aren't her problem, and she's actually had a hard time getting family members to understand why she posts videos of her children on YouTube. Her most popular post, a cute video of one of her daughters asking for a lollipop, has more than 11.5 million views.

U.K. Snow

▶ A woman plays with her dog on snow-covered Brighton beach in England on Thursday.

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Britons wacked by winter

More heavy snow caused havoc across Britain, disrupting rail services and leaving travellers stranded. Commuters struggled to get to work as Britain's worst early winter weather in almost two decades showed no sign of easing its icy grip.

Woman tells court she still loves rapist

The former girlfriend of convicted Alberta rapist Cory Bitternose says she still loves him, despite the fact he sexually assaulted her on their first date.

The woman testified Wednesday at a dangerous offender hearing for Bitternose, who savagely attacked a young woman in Banff in 2008.

The ex-girlfriend said she dated Bitternose in 2006 and they have a child together. The woman was called by the Crown in its attempt to show that Bitternose has a long, violent record with women.

Bitternose, 40, was driving a stolen truck on July 13, 2008, when he pulled up alongside two women who were cycling home from a local pub in Banff.

He offered them a ride and they accepted. But instead of taking them to their destination, he drove to a vacant lot and began beating them.

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Some secrets appear to be not worth keeping

Everyone loves a secret. But after almost a week of cascading revelations courtesy of WikiLeaks, it is increasingly evident American diplomats love the term to occasional excess.

Take, for instance, a "Secret" missive to Washington from the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia.

Weighing in at 3,585 words, the document tells you everything about a fairly short but severe 2009 blackout in Brazil.

We learn in excruciating detail the various explanations for the blackout, as reported in the Brazilian press. A final section recommends that Washington "seize the moment" as an opportunity for closer engagement with Brazil, perhaps by offering an "energy cooperation agreement" to share expertise.

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▶ A man watches a broadcast about Pakistan's pro-Taliban religious leader Maulana Fazal-ur Rehman, disclosed by WikiLeaks memos in Karachi, Pakistan, Thursday.

Not top secret

- None of the released WikiLeaks memos are classified "Top Secret," a designation the U.S. reserves for info that could cause "exceptionally grave damage."

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McCain snubs U.S. military study on gays

The military's top uniformed officer challenged McCain, saying wartime is an ideal time to allow gays to serve openly

Directly challenging the Pentagon's top leadership, a leading Republican senator on Thursday snubbed a U.S. military study on gays as flawed and said letting them serve openly would be dangerous in a time of war.

Senator John McCain's opposition foreshadows the upcoming Senate debate on a bill that would overturn the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" law, which bans gays from serving openly in the service.

McCain, a former Navy pilot, comes from a long family line of service in the military. He was a Vietnam era prisoner of war and was the Republican presidential nominee in 2008 who lost to Barack Obama.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, has promised a vote, but McCain has helped to block previous debate on the Senate floor.

Further dimming chances of repeal this month was a recent agreement among Senate Republicans not to vote on any bill before addressing tax cuts and government spending.

Advocates of a repeal had hoped that this week's Pentagon study would have lessened Republican resistance to the bill.

McCain seized on the findings of the study to argue that forcing such a substantial personnel policy change in a time of war would be wrong for the military and the U.S.

He also criticized the study for scrutinizing only how the law could be repealed, instead of whether doing so would benefit the military. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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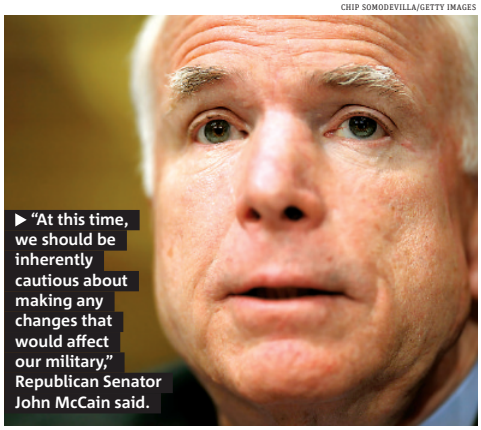

▶ "At this time, we should be inherently cautious about making any changes that would affect our military," Republican Senator John McCain said.

All in favour?

- A Pentagon study released this week found that the overwhelming majority of troops were not against seeing the policy repealed.
- But among those who did care, most were troops performing combat arms duties.
- Nearly 60 per cent of those in the Marine Corps and in Army combat units said they thought repealing the law would hurt their units' ability to fight on the battlefield.

WikiLeak's Assange on run

Spokesperson says his location is secret

WIKI LEAKS

Sweden's Supreme Court on upheld a court order yesterday to detain WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange for questioning over allegations of rape and sexual molestation.

The 39-year-old Australian, who denies the accusations made by two Swedish women after his visit to the country in August, had appealed two lower court rulings allowing investigators to bring him into custody and issue an international arrest warrant.

He has not been formally charged.

WikiLeaks has angered the U.S. and other governments by publishing almost half a million secret documents about U.S. diplomatic relations and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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▶ Julian Assange

The search for Assange, whose whereabouts is unknown, was stepped up Wednesday as Sweden confirmed it had issued a European arrest warrant for him. Since leaving Sweden, the computer hacker has appeared in Britain and Switzerland but disappeared from public view after a Nov. 5 press conference in Geneva.

He has spoken publicly only through online interviews and WikiLeaks spokesman Kristinn Hrafnsson said late Wednesday the organization was trying to keep his location a secret for security reasons. He noted commentators in the United States and Canada had called for Assange to be hunted down or killed.

Britain's The Guardian, which helped broker the original WikiLeaks dump of Afghan intelligence files, has said Assange is hiding out in southeastern England. The paper did not cite a source for its information.

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Protest. Violence

▶ Police clash with demonstrating students outside Greece's parliament, in the latest protest against austerity measures, in Athens, Greece.

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Turmoil in Greece

Police fired tear gas and clashed with youths during the brief incident after some 1,500 people marched through the Greek capital yesterday.

Microbe is out of this world

The discovery of a strange bacteria that uses arsenic as one of its nutrients widens the scope for finding new forms of life on Earth and beyond.

Researchers discovered the bacteria on Earth, but say it shows life has possibilities beyond the major essential elements.

"This organism has dual capability. It can grow with either phosphorous or arsenic. That makes it very peculiar, though it falls short of being some form of truly 'alien' life," commented Paul C. W. Davies of Arizona State University, a co-author of the report appearing in Thursday's online edition of the Journal Science.

Six major elements have long been considered essential for life — carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus and sulfur.

Researchers discovered the bacteria in Mono Lake, California.

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Craigslist won't quiet on feds' sex ad outrage

Provinces and Ottawa concerned the online ads fuel human trafficking U.S. requests quickly appeased

The Ontario government is looking for "creative" new ways to get the attention of Craigslist after the American company ignored repeated requests to remove prostitution ads from its Canadian websites, Attorney General Chris Bentley said yesterday.

Bentley first wrote to Craigslist CEO Jim Buckmaster in September, just after the San Francisco-based company bowed to pressure from several U.S. attorneys general and removed the prostitution ads from its sites south of the border.

Since then, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the federal government have also written the online classified ad service to ask that the prostitution ads be removed in Canada.

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Jim Buckmaster

Craigslist has done nothing other than to request a meeting with Ontario officials, allowing hundreds of ads for hookers to be posted on its Canadian sites every day.

"We've made it quite clear that if Craigslist takes a step in the United States that will have the effect of protecting young people and children, they should take the same step in the province of Ontario," said Bentley.

Craigslist has not responded to requests for comment. The company hasn't explained why it refused to do what it did in the U.S and prohibit ads where sex is sold.

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Sex-workers say laws will loosen

Harper says prostitution is 'bad for society' a view shared by 'most Canadians' Stay pressures government to expedite appeal process

Summer appeal

A schedule worked out by lawyer Alan Young, representing sex-trade workers, and government lawyers says an appeal will be heard in the summer.

- **It will likely end up** before the Supreme Court. Young believes Justice Susan Himel's decision will stand.
- **"The only really** important issue right now is whether the law is going to be applied in the short term," Young said.
- **"These laws are necessary** ito protect not only the individuals ... but the communities as well," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said.

Sex-trade workers will one day be able to legally provide for their families and work in Canada without fear of violence, advocates predicted Thursday, even as Ontario's top court kept prostitution laws in place for now.

A landmark court ruling striking down three key prostitution laws was put on hold until April 29, giving the federal and provincial governments time to appeal.

Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, one of the three sex-trade workers at the heart of this case, said outside court yesterday that she is confident they will win in the end.

But she suggested Prime Minister Stephen Harper is hiding behind the courts on the contentious issue, and challenged him to "fight like a man."

"He can withdraw this appeal at any moment and change the law through Parliament," she said.

"His silence means that he does not know what to do and is not concerned about the violence against women."

Harper was asked about Bedford's comments after he made an unrelated announcement and seemed tickled.

"I've never been called upon to respond to a dominatrix before," he said with a smirk.

Harper said the government supports the laws and his government looks forward to fighting on appeal to keep them on the books.

Bedford said she will continue to fight for the safety of other women.

"The only people who benefit from this law right now are tax evaders and organized crime," she said.

"The women need to be able to call the police when they're beat up by the pimps and the johns. As it stands right now they can't. They can't press charges because they're carted to jail along with (the assailants)."

Prostitution was not illegal in Canada, but the court struck down three provisions that criminalized most aspects of prostitution. Criminal Code offences dealing with people under 18 are not affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford, left, Nikki Thomas and law professor Alan Young on the steps of Osgoode Hall Thursday after Justice Rosenberg of The Ontario Court of Appeal granted a stay on three prostitution-related laws until April 29.

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Ailing man murdered for laptop

Roommate sentenced to life after stabbing sleeping victim 28 times

A hotheaded rooming house tenant has been sentenced to life in prison after admitting to stabbing an ailing housemate 28 times to steal his laptop.

"The death of Hans Meier was senseless," said Ontario Superior Court Justice Ian Nordheimer. "He was defenceless and attacked while he was sleeping."

The judge sentenced Kyle Laybolt, 22, to life in prison after he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Thursday.

Crown prosecutor Rosemarie Juginovic called for a parole ineligibility period of 15 years. "It can only be described as a horrible death," she said.

She noted Laybolt initially lied to police about why he stabbed Meier, claiming the frail, largely bedridden 69-year-old man had paid him $800 to "put him out of his misery."

On the night of Jan. 26, 2010, Laybolt split a bottle of vodka with a roommate, confiding he planned to steal Meier's laptop.

The roommate protested and several times that evening caught Laybolt entering Meier's room and told him to "leave Hans alone."

Laybolt fled after washing and tossing a knife into the kitchen garbage. He was arrested on foot a few blocks away, carrying Meier's laptop.

Meier had 28 stab wounds to his neck, chest and abdomen, as well as defensive wounds on his forearms and hands.

▶ Hans Meier in a 2000 photo

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▶ Canada's Gov. Gen. David Johnston stands with an honour guard formed by soldiers during a visit to the Ontario provincial parliament on Thursday.

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Rescuers die in Israeli forest fire

Guards were trying to help evacuate Palestinian prisoners

A bus evacuating people from a massive forest fire Thursday in northern Israel went up in flames, killing dozens of guards who were helping to rescue inmates from a prison, officials said.

Fire officials said the blaze, which torched some 800 acres and was one of the deadliest accidents in the country's history, remained out of control as nightfall arrived.

"This is a disaster of unprecedented proportions," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. He said the government was using all means at its disposal to contain the blaze.

The fire in the northern Carmel region broke out around midday.

Yoram Levy, a spokesman for the national fire service, said some 40 people were killed as a result of the fire, most of them from the bus accident. He said officials suspected the fire erupted after people were burning garbage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Israeli firefighters stand close to a raging fire in Carmel Forest, near Haifa on Thursday. Police said at least 40 people died in the inferno.

Family misses man Cuba say is a spy

In the year her American husband has been detained in Cuba, accused of spying for the U.S., Judy Gross has been forced to sell the family home and move into a small apartment in Washington. Her younger daughter, distraught and crying as her father's birthday approached, crashed and totalled her car. Her older daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

More than 1,770 kilometres away, Alan Gross passes his days in a Cuban military hospital, watching baseball on a small television or jamming with his jailers on a stringed instrument they gave him.

When Alan Gross left for Cuba last December, his wife says he planned to spend just 10 days there helping to set up Internet access for members of the country's small Jewish population, believed to number about 1,500.

He was arrested at his hotel a year ago Friday, accused by Cuban President Raul Castro and other senior leaders of spying.

His detention has become a sticking point in relations between the U.S. and Cuba, two countries that have been at odds for decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No developments

Case Gloria Berbena, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, which Washington maintains instead of an embassy, said that she knew of no new developments in the case, though officials continue to press the Cuban government to release Gross.

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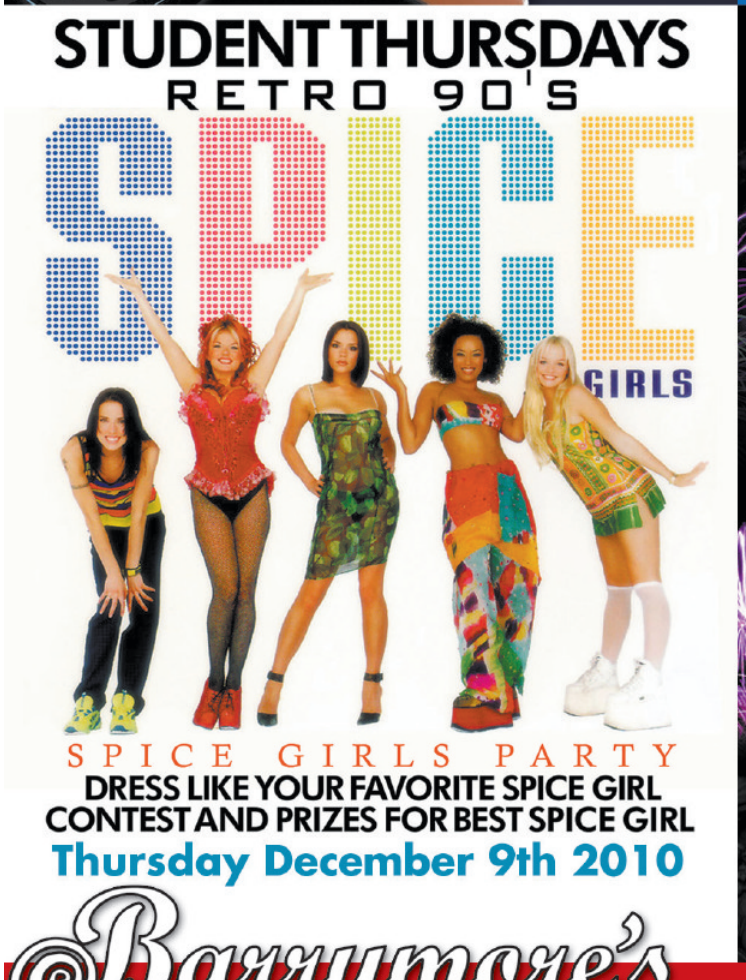

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▶British Columbia's New Democrat Leader, Carole James, acknowledges a reporter during a press conference in Vancouver on Thursday.

B.C.'s NDP faces a growing split

Party leader Carole James wants emergency meeting
James faced attacks from within her party

New Democrat Leader Carole James wants an emergency caucus meeting this weekend, to discuss a smouldering split within the party over her leadership.

James' longest serving caucus member, Jenny Kwan, fanned the flames of dissent yesterday with a scathing critique of James' leadership and a call for an immediate leadership convention.

Flanked by 13 caucus members, James says she will not take any immediate action against Kwan, because she wants to know what other party members think should be done.

James is once again calling for the New Democrats to unite as a party. Dissent within the NDP caucus has been growing since former Quesnel-area New Democrat Bob Simpson was expelled from the caucus for publicly criticizing James in September. His expulsion sparked the resignations of caucus chairman Norm Macdonald and caucus whip Katrine Conroy, and resulted in the public outing of at least a dozen NDP caucus members with issues about James' leadership. The meeting will allow caucus to talk about members' "unacceptable" actions over the past several months and about getting back on the path of rebuilding and uniting, James said. It will also be the setting where caucus members can decide what should be done about Kwan's very public and thorough denunciation, she said. "It isn't simply Jenny speaking out against me, she is speaking out against the party and the direction the party has set," James said.

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SING TAO DAILY

▶ Jennifer Pan, 24, charged with the first-degree murder of her mother, carries incense at her mother's funeral service with her brother Felix, 21.

Woman accused of killing mother appears in court

Daughter faces murder and conspiracy charges

A young Ontario woman charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder after a brutal home invasion in which both her parents were shot made a brief court appearance Thursday.

Jennifer Pan is alleged to have conspired with three armed men who held the family hostage for half-an-hour on Nov. 8 in their home north of Toronto.

The 24-year-old was tied up but otherwise unharmed during the home invasion.

Her mother, 53-year-old Bieh Ha Pan, was shot and killed. Her father, 57-year-old Huei Hann Pan, managed to make his way to a neighbour's house after the men left, despite being critically shot.

Police initially called it a "random" attack, but arrested Pan two weeks later.

Pan appeared in a Newmarket court today and her case was put over to Dec. 8.

She also faces a conspiracy charge, which investigators have said is based on their belief there was some planning involved in the attack.

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▶ A man holds a placard advertising low-cost meals earlier this week in in Dublin, Ireland.

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Taking to the streets

The Irish economy has faltered after years of growth, and European Union finance ministers recently OK'd an aid package totalling 85 billion euros ($112 billion).

Act targets ticket resales

Ontario passed a new law Thursday to stop U.S. entertainment giant Ticketmaster from selling and then reselling tickets to the same event, but the Opposition warned it will do nothing to end scalping or keep prices down.

The Liberal government, supported by the NDP, passed the Ticket Speculation Act, which Attorney General Chris Bentley said will ensure people have fair access to concerts, theatrical or sport events.

"We want to make sure consumers get a fair break, and the Ticket Speculation Act is important in that it's another step to protect consumers," said Bentley.

"Fair dealing for consumers is what this is about."

The province introduced the legislation over a year ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Study: Women don't get credit for cash smarts

- Findings show media paint women as meek on money
- Most Canadian women confident about money matters

Canadian woman, it seems, are more than capable when it comes to managing their personal and household finances.

However, whether those abilities are being accurately portrayed or perceived was enough to prompt one financial expert to commission the study entitled Financial Lives of Girls and Women.

Barbara Stewart, a portfolio manager at Cumberland Private Wealth Management Inc., hired Angus Reid Public Opinion to examine what she views as a "fundamental disconnect" between how women describe their ability to manage their personal finances and what they actually do.

"Paradoxically, while women are in fact confident in financial matters, many persist in using self-deprecating language when asked about their ability to manage their finances," said Stewart, in a white paper containing the results.

"This outdated script is not useful for women and their finances and it is not consistent with reality."

About 1,000 women participated. Stewart also conducted 25 one-on-one separate interviews with additional women and focus groups were employed to back up the results published in a white paper exploring the findings.

The results showed that 6 out of 10 Canadian women feel very or moderately confident when it comes to understanding personal finance.

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48%

When it comes to getting financial news, about 48 per cent of women chose newspapers and 33 per cent picked up financial knowledge through television.

97%

About 97 per cent believe it is important to teach children and youth about managing money and 83 per cent have taken steps to education their children about finance.

Market moment

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CONTENT COMPETITION

Shaw calls for online regulation

Telecom company Shaw Communications is calling on the CRTC to regulate certain aspects of the Internet to protect Canadian broadcasting.

The cable carrier, broadcaster and Internet provider told a Commons heritage committee Thursday that online movie providers Netflix, Hulu and video site Google TV are undermining Canadian broadcasters' ability to pay for domestic content.

Shaw executives said the Calgary-based company, which recently bought Canwest Global, pays about $150 million a year for local content and to support Canadian producers through the Canadian Media Fund. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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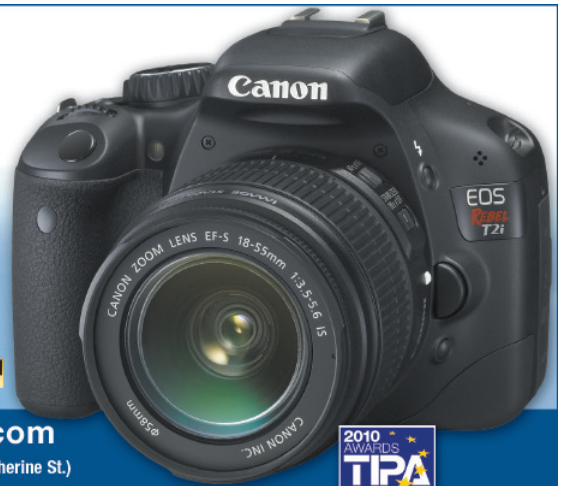

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5 MINUTES WITH: CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD

Columnist Christie Blatchford's controversial new book is Helpless: Caledonia's Nightmare Of Fear And Anarchy, And How The Law Failed All Of Us, about the First Nations occupation of Douglas Creek Estates.

Protesters prevented you from speaking at the University of Waterloo.
I was, yeah, and I've been invited back. My fear is that we'll go from one ridiculous extreme to the other. The first time I went to Waterloo, three people with bicycle locks chaining them together managed to completely shut down my speech. This time the university, I think embarrassed by what happened, is overly well-prepared and I'm sure there'll be all but, you know, a paramilitary organization in there to protect me, which I'm sure isn't necessary either, so we'll see what happens.

You refer to the book as "this sucker." Can you explain your feelings about writing it?
It was hard. The only other book I've really written was about Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. Because I was in Kandahar then, I wasn't in Caledonia. So it meant I had to read a lot more newspapers, local papers, I had to read more documents, I had to make sure that I even knew what the weather was on certain days. All the people I interviewed, probably close to 50 people, it took a lot of work just transcribing the tapes, and then I had to write it very quickly.

What did you do when you were done?
I went out to dinner with my friends Moose and Pat and had a glass of wine. Mostly it was so great not to have to work every night until midnight. I didn't have to go back up to my prison. By then I had already started the renovation of my house, and a massive diet, so I had two other ways in play already to punish myself. What a dope, eh?

You once suggested your paper should have a full-time aboriginal issues reporter. Is that still needed?
I think it's a great idea. But tackling the aboriginal story in this country is so complicated and so f---d up that it would consume you completely. I was out at Yellow Quill, this northern reserve in Saskatchewan. It was so depressing and so corrupt and so hopeless, I don't know where you'd start. Someone should do it, but I just don't think it's going to be me. I don't have the heart.

STEVE COLLINS

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Building up a good sweat

Worth mentioning

The UN weather agency says this year is "almost certain" to rank among the three hottest years on record.

And 2001-10 is undoubtedly the warmest 10-year period since the beginning of weather records in 1850, the agency said Thursday.

Data from the World Meteorological Organization released at UN climate negotiations confirmed a warming trend that has gone on for decades, which scientists attribute to man-made pollution trapping heat in the atmosphere.

WMO secretary general Michel Jarraud said this year's temperatures through October were at near-record levels. Data for November and December will be analyzed in early 2011, but were expected to be slightly cooler than normal. Still, there is a "significant possibility 2010 could be the warmest," Jarraud told reporters. The two other extraordinary years were 1998 and 2005. Jarraud said these three steaming years were within a fraction of a degree — 0.02 C — of each other.

This year also saw startling weather events: A deadly summer heat wave in Russia with temperatures in Moscow soaring to a record 38.2 C. Devastating floods in Pakistan were part of the same weather anomaly, Jarraud said.

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Russian heat wave

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TRACEY TONG

Three days to play

HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THE WIKILEAKS STORY?

Kerry Thompson
OTTAWA
Yes. I'm a big fan of the WikiLeaks founder ... If we're talking about diplomacy and people are emailing all types of smack about world leaders, I think that's bad business.

Jasmine Nabwangu
OTTAWA
I haven't been following WikiLeaks, but I'd be interested to find out more about it.

OWN IT ON DVD & BLU-RAY TOMORROW

Director of Academy Award winning film The Lives of Others takes on a big budget action-romance in The Tourist ◐ Finding a balance between humour and seriousness ◐ How it's tough to cast women opposite the scintillating Angelina Jolie

▶ Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie

From the Cold War to hot romance

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

After earning international acclaim — and an Academy Award — for his dark Cold War drama and debut film The Lives of Others, German-born director Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck wanted to try a slightly different change of pace. And he couldn't have gotten much more different tonally than The Tourist, a big-budget romance caper starring Angelina Jolie and Johnny Depp. Henckel von Donnersmarck spoke with Metro about fixing up the film's script, cutting out laughs and why Angelina Jolie doesn't have any female co-stars.

You're credited with writing the film, along with two other writers. Can you take us through the process of each writer's contribution?
Since so much of it was before I came on board, I don't really know. I read a script that Julian Fellowes, Christopher McQuarrie and, I think, three or four others had contributed to. Or four or five others. I mean, it was massive. And still it was a script that nobody — and I'm sure those two actors — would have been happy with. It was just one of those scripts that had been developed into so many different directions under so many different influences. You could tell that it was slightly somehow a schizophrenic script.

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▶ Florien Henckel von Donnersmarck

What were your biggest changes to the script when you took it on?
I wanted to make it into a true love story between these people, and I also wanted people to think throughout the whole film, "Is this guy the person they're looking for or not?" And for them to flip back and forth. For this not to be a film that somehow a surprise comes out of nowhere at the end, but for it to really be a constant cat-and-mouse game. And then it was also shaping in the characters, giving them a kind of humour and humanity.

The finished film has a distinct sense of fun to it.
The interesting thing, when I screened a rough cut for the first time, for some people, it played really well, but it played too much like a comedy. People were laughing so much, and then I realized I'd gone a little too far in that whole kind of comedy thing. So I actually started cutting out a lot of the humour. … I don't want people to be laughing in this film, I want them to be smiling.

I noticed there are hardly any other women on screen besides Angelina Jolie.
There's not a single other female speaking on screen. I feel she's so scintillating and exciting as a woman, it's hard for other women to really be able to shine next to her. … She's enough woman for an entire film.

2 scene

News in brief

Actor Chuck Norris for years played a Texas Ranger on television. Now he's going to become one in real life.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is scheduled to present the actor and executive director of Walker, Texas Ranger with a designation as an honorary member of the famed law enforcement group Thursday.

Ceremonies to honour the 70-year-old martial arts star will take place at a Texas Rangers office in suburban Dallas.

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Police: 'Person of interest' in Hollywood publicist's slaying shoots, kills self at L.A. hotel

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BALLET TRANSLATES WELL TO BIG SCREEN

Ballet is inherently dramatic so it is no wonder the movies have frequently looked to pointe shoes and bun heads for inspiration. The first ballet moves captured on film were likely in turn-of-the-last-century animated films of Alexander Shiryaev, whose crude but beautiful films used drawings and puppets as an early form of dance notation.

Since then the movies have been dancing with the stars. Everyone from legendary performers like Mikhail Baryshnikov to gifted amateurs like Natalie Portman, who plays a beautiful but troubled ballerina in this weekend's dark drama Black Swan, have done a cinematic grand jeté or two.

The most classic ballet movie has to be The Red Shoes. The 1948 classic interweaves on and off stage action to tell the story of a ballerina pulled between two men — a composer who loves her and an impresario who wants to make her a star. The British Film Institute labeled it one of "the best British films ever" and the movie inspired Kate Bush's song and album of the same name.

The Red Shoes was nominated for four Oscars and took home a pair, which is two more than our next ballet film, even though it was nominated for eleven. The Turning Point (which ties The Color Purple for most nominations with no wins) starred Shirley MacLaine and Anne Bancroft as life long rivals; one who left the ballet to become a wife and mother, the other who stayed and became a star. Audrey Hepburn, Doris Day and Grace Kelly were all offered the lead roles, but turned them down. After seeing the movie Hepburn regretted her decision. "That was the one film," she said, "that got away from me."

There are dozens of Hollywood ballet movies. It's almost tutu much (you had to know that pun was coming); White Nights, Center Stage (with Avatar's Zoe Saldana), Billy Elliot, The Company (made with the cooperation of the Joffrey Ballet) and even the South Korean horror film Wishing Stairs feature stories about fictional ballet dancers, but there are many interesting ballet documentaries as well.

The history of the Ballet Russe of Monte Carlo is touchingly and lovingly told in Ballets Russes, an intimate documentary focused on the founders of modern ballet. Also fascinating is La danse — Le ballet de l'Opéra de Paris, director Frederick Wiseman's fly-on-the-wall look at the production of seven ballets by the Paris Opera Ballet.

GHT SO FAR!" CHRIS KNIGHT, NATIONAL POST

Tarantino served up and roasted

Director's long-delayed roast was a record-setter for attendance Roth steals the show with offside jokes

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▶ Filmmaker Eli Roth, left, actor Samuel L. Jackson and director Quentin Tarantino, right, attend the Quentin Tarantino Friars Club Roast at the New York Hilton Hotel on Wednesday.

Filmmaker Eli Roth brought shock and awe to the podium of a Friar's Club Roast of actor Quentin Tarantino on Wednesday night, saying it was a roaster's responsibility to be sick and distasteful.

He didn't disappoint, covering ground that would make Richard Pryor blush — and offering no apologies.

"Pretty much what people say about Hostel 2, I want them to say about my speech," Roth said referring to his 2007 horror flick.

Roth ripped the Weinstein's — filmmakers Harvey and Bob — who were sitting on the dais, joked about dead comic Greg Giraldo and poked fun at Tarantino's physical appearance. He also alluded to Tarantino's alleged foot fetish saying, "Quentin's got a bigger collection of women's shoes than Dachau."

Joining Roth at the event in New York was Sarah Silverman, Uma Thurman, Brett Ratner and roastmaster Samuel L. Jackson, who referred to the pack as a "true collection of freaks." Then he thanked Jim Henson, creator of The Muppets, for designing Tarantino's face, and kicked off the show.

Originally scheduled for October, the roast was postponed because of the death of Tarantino's longtime film editor and close friend Sally Menke. Freddie Roman of the Friar's Club said he feared the change in dates would lead to a lower turnout, but it seemed to have the opposite effect.

The event packed the Hilton ballroom, drawing a record-setting crowd of nearly 2,300. That's unprecedented for the fraternal organization.

While some of the acts were clearly funny, others were not as engaging. Harvey Keitel spent more time talking about Reservoir Dogs than making jokes. Ratner, a director, missed some of his timing cues, and Michael Madsen looked as if he had just rolled out of bed. While Keitel was spared by most, Ratner and Madsen were heavily attacked throughout the show.

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5 top lesbian scenes

Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis play bitter ballet rivals in Darren Aronofsky's trippy Black Swan. But the heightened emotion they feel for each other ends up bubbling over into a passionate sex scene that's had people talking for months before the film's release.

Well, now Black Swan is almost here, so it's a great opportunity — and not gratuitous at all, really — to take a look at the five most famous lesbian scenes on film.

A side note: Showgirls might have been a serious contender, but it appeared last week among the five most irresistible guilty-pleasure movies. It is tempting to find a reason to talk about Showgirls every week, though...

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Mulholland Dr. (2001)

The first intimate encounter between Naomi Watts and Laura Elena Harring is soft and sweet ... but because this is a David Lynch movie, naturally the relationship between these two women becomes darker and more complicated.

Watts, as aspiring starlet Betty Elms (at this point in the film, at least), gets tangled up with Harring's gorgeous amnesiac Rita. As the two embark on an adventure, playing girl-detective to solve the mystery of Rita's past, their fear and loneliness lead to a kiss which leads to one of the loveliest lesbian scenes ever filmed. In a movie full of twists, this is a rare moment of pure, instinctive emotion.

Cruel Intentions (1999)

The most chaste of the five on this list, but it did earn Sarah Michelle Gellar and Selma Blair the highly coveted "Best Kiss" prize at the MTV Movie Awards.

In this prep-school version of Dangerous Liaisons, Gellar functions in the Glenn Close role as a conniving and manipulative rich girl who dominates Manhattan's Upper East Side. Blair is in the Uma Thurman role as a malleable innocent.

Since Blair's character has never kissed a boy before, Gellar's teaches her what to do during a picnic in Central Park: "I'm gonna stick my tongue in your mouth, and when I do that I want you to massage my tongue with yours." It all sounds pretty straightforward.

Bound (1996)

Before The Wachowski Brothers entered the Matrix, the writing-directing duo made their debut with this funny, tense and sexy neo-noir.

Jennifer Tilly plays Violet, the seemingly ditzy girlfriend of a mobster; Gina Gershon plays Corky, the maintenance woman in their apartment building who just got out of prison. Violet's attraction to Corky is instantaneous, and eventually the two cook up a scheme to steal $2 million in stashed cash from Violet's boyfriend.

A ridiculous amount of contrived meetings and flirting leads to an intense — but artfully photographed — love scene between the two women.

Wild Things (1998)

It starts out as a face-slapping, hair-pulling cat fight in a swimming pool and ends up in a make-out session, complete with bikinis and T-shirts being tossed aside with sultry music in the background.

Denise Richards plays the naughty rich girl and Neve Campbell plays the naughty poor girl; despite coming from opposite sides of the tracks, they manage to get together to concoct some rape accusations against their high school guidance counsellor (Matt Dillon).

The fact that this takes place in South Florida makes the whole movie feel even more steamy and tawdry. Wild Things easily could have made last week's guilty-pleasure list, too. It's so multipurpose.

D.E.B.S. (2004):

As if it weren't enough to have a bunch of beautiful, teenage spies dressed in naughty schoolgirl outfits, their leader (Sara Foster) ends up secretly falling for the deadly criminal (Jordana Brewster) who is their primary target.

Writer-director Angela Robinson's film isn't exactly great cinema but it also doesn't take itself too seriously, and features plenty of fun, cheeky moments. (Its tagline: "They're crime-fighting hotties with killer bodies.")

That's indeed true of Foster and Brewster, who share a few kisses and teasing moments before their eventual playful and passionate hook-up.

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Learning to say goodbye

- Palme d'Or-winning Thai director tackles life and death in Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives
- Film was very personal for director and allowed him to say farewell to his father

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▶ Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives was named the top film at the Cannes Film Festival winning the Palme d'Or.

When Apicatpong Weerasathakul became the first Thai director to win the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, it was a major news story, not only because of the difficulties that the director experienced trying to get a travel visa to accept the award in person.

It's very possible that Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives is the most radical and challenging film to be so honoured at Cannes.

As such, it has left commentators demanding an explanation of its enigmatic contents.

"Of course I have my own feelings about (what the movie means)," says the 40-year-old filmmaker. "But I don't want to put a frame around these ideas, because I want the audience's mind to be open and fresh. But it does seem like a waste of time to fly here and then not say anything about my movie."

Apichatpong explains that his film's elegantly structured account of a dying farmer visited by spirits is informed by Thai beliefs about reincarnation and spirituality, and that the casual nature of the story's supernatural elements — like the glowing-eyed monkey-ghost that has become the movie's signature image — reflects a larger cultural attitude.

"It is very prevalent in our fables that people's loved ones can come back from the dead and visit them," he says. "There is no line separating the living and the dead."

Even as it combines these genre elements with a pointed political critique, Uncle Boonmee is for its creator first and foremost a personal film.

"In many ways, the film is about me saying farewell, about memories of my father, who died of the same thing that (is making Boonmee) sick.

"I hope that people can relate to them because we all share certain experiences."

Palme d'Or

The Palme d'Or is the highest prize awarded to films competing at the Cannes Film Festival. Here is the list of winners since 2000:

- **2000** Dancer in the Dark, Lars von Trier, Denmark
- **2001** The Son's Room, Nanni Moretti, Italy
- **2002** The Pianist, Roman Polanski, Poland
- **2003** Elephant, Gus Van Sant, United States
- **2004** Fahrenheit 9/11, Michael Moore, United States
- **2005** L'enfant, Luc and Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Belgium
- **2006** The Wind That Shakes the Barley, Ken Loach, United Kingdom
- **2007** 4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days, Cristian Mungiu, Romania
- **2008** The Class, Laurent Cantet, France
- **2009** The White Ribbon, Michael Haneke, Austria
- **2010** Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives, Apichatpong Weerasethakul, Thailand

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Khadr doc lacks balance

You Don't Like the Truth: 4 Days Inside Guantanamo
Genre: Documentary
Directors: Luc Cote and Patricio Henriquez
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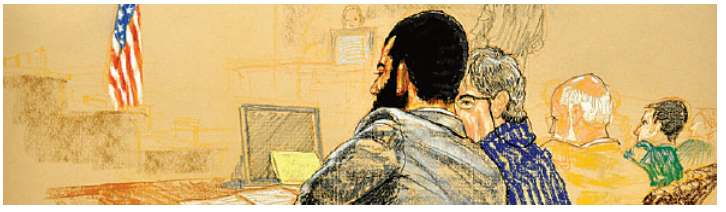
A decent doc rendered especially topical by its release in the midst of Omar Khadr's trial, You Don't Like the Truth weaves footage of the accused war criminal's 2003 interrogation at the hands of CSIS into an ultimately conventional talking-heads format. Directors Luc Cote and Patricio Henriquez have edited their source material judiciously, and the film is powerful despite their disinterest in supplying much in the way of counterpoint. ADAM NAYMAN



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BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Buried (14A) Tue 8:50
The Day of the Jackal (STC) Sun 8:15 Mon 4
A Film Unfinished (18A) Fri 5 Sat 7 Sun 1:15
The Kids Are All Right (18A) Fri 8:55
Mesrine: Killer Instinct (18A) Wed 8:55
Mesrine: Part II - Public Enemy 1 (STC) Wed 9:05
Tales From the Golden Age (STC) Sat 2 Sun 3:15 Mon 8:50
La Tête en Friche (STC) Fri 7 Sat 5:05-9 Sun 6:20 Mon-Tue 6:55 Wed 5
You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger (PG) Tue 4:45

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

How to Draw a Perfect Circle (STC) Fri 9
Music (STC) Fri 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Thu
Somers Town (STC) Sat 9
The Way to the Top (STC) Sun 7
You, the Living (STC) Sat 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Changelings (STC) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:30-2:30 Fri-Thu 11:30-1:30
Fish (STC) Fri-Thu 10-12-2 Fri-Thu 11-1
The Sound of Music (STC) Thu 5

CENTRETOWN MOVIES
Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centretownmovies.org

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COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Burlesque (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
Due Date (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:10-9:40 Mon-Wed 3:50-7:10-9:40 Thu 3:50-7:10
Faster (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:40-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Guzaarish (PG) Fri-Sun 12:05-3:15-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:45-9:50
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:40-8 Mon-Thu 4:40-8 Fri-Sun 12:30-4-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-7:20-10:30 Fri-Sun 12-3:30-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-10
It's a Wonderful Life (STC) Wed 7
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:20-7:30-10:15
Megamind 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:50 Mon-Tue 4:30-7:50 Wed-Thu 4:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 1
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (14A) Fri 12:50-3:45-6:55-10:20 Sat 6:55-10:20 Sun 12:50-3:45-6:55-10:20 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:55-10:20 Thu 3:45-10:20
Tangled 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:30
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:40-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

127 Hours (14A) No Passes Fri 4-6:50-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:30
Burlesque (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:25-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:25-9 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-6:25-9 Thu 3:30-6:25-9
Fair Game (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-6:45-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:45-9:20 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:50-6:45-9:20 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:20
Love & Other Drugs (14A) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:35-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:55-3:40-6:35-9:10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:40-6:35-9:10 Thu 3:40-6:35-9:10
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:3:45-6:40-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:40-9:15 Wed-Thu 3:45
The Next Three Days (14A) Fri 3:35-6:20-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:35-6:20-9:05 Mon-Wed 3:35-6:20-9:05 Thu 3:35
Tangled (PG) No Passes Fri 3:55-7-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-7-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:55-7-9:25

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

The American (14A) Fri-Sat 9:15 Mon 6:45
Fubar (14A) Tue 7
Fubar II (18A) Tue 8:30
Mighty Uke (STC) Sun 1
Once Upon a Time in the West (STC) Sun 3:30 Mon 9
The Polar Express (G) Sun 10:30
Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (STC) Fri-Sat 11:30 Wed 9:15
Reality Bites (PG) Sun 8:45
Rockland (STC) Sat 5
You Don't Like the Truth: 4 Days Inside Guantanamo (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 6:45 Wed 7

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

Grease Sing-Along (STC) Fri 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun-Thu
Oceans (G) Sat 2

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Conviction (STC) Fri-Thu 10:15-12:35-2:40-5-7:10-9:20
Despicable Me 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (14A) Fri-Thu 10:25-7:30
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:25-4:30
Life as We Know It (PG) Fri-Thu 10:05-6:45-9:10
Nanny McPhee Returns (G) Fri-Thu 10:40-4
The Social Network (14A) Fri-Thu 1-6:30-9
The Town (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55-6:55-9:25
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Faster (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:15-6:15-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:15-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:30-5:45-8:10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3-6-9 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12-3-6-9 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:45-7:30
Unstoppable (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 3:30-6:30-9:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:30-9:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 3:15-5:30-8

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:05-3:55-6:55-9:35
Due Date (14A) Fri-Wed 10:35-1:35-4:10-7:25-9:55 Thu 10:35-1:35-4:10-9:55
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 11:10-1:50-4:20-7:20-10
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-11-11:30-1:45-2:30-3-5:10-6:10-6:40-8:30-9:20-9:50
Jackass 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 9:25
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4:6:50-9:45
Megamind 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:20-3:50-6:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 1
Morning Glory (PG) Fri 10:55-1:55-4:30-7:30-10 Sat 4:50-7:30-10 Sun-Thu 10:55-1:55-4:30-7:30-10
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (14A) Fri-Wed 10:15-1:10-4:05-7:10-10:05 Thu 10:15-1:10-4:05-7:10
Tangled 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:05-1:40-4:15-7:05-9:40
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:15-3:45-7-9:30

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Arabia 3D (STC) Fri 12:10-3:25 Sat 12:10-8:05 Sun 12:10-6:40 Mon 12:10 Tue 12:10-3:25-8:05 Wed 12:10-3:25 Thu 12:10-8:05 Fri 8:05 Sun-Tue 1:15 Wed 8:05 Thu 4:30
Cavaliers du Monde (STC) Sun 9:45
Hubble 3D (STC) Fri 11:05-2:20-9:10 Sat 3:25-9:10 Sun 3:25 Mon 11:05-2:20 Tue-Wed 11:05-2:20-9:10 Thu 11:05 Fri 1:15 Sat 4:30 Tue 4:30 Wed 1:15 Thu 1:15-9:10
Le pere noel et le bonhomme de neige (STC) Fri 4:30-7 Sat 1:15 Sun 4:30 Wed 4:30
Ride Around the World (STC) Sat 9:45
Santa vs. The Snowman 3D (STC) Fri 5:35 Sat 11:05-2:20-5:35-7 Sun 11:05-2:20-5:35 Tue 5:35 Wed-Thu 5:35-7

CINÉ-CAMPUS UQO
283 rue St-Jean-Bosco, 819-773-1888

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon 6:30 Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30
Lance et compte (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20
Love & Other Drugs (13+) Fri-Sun 3-6:40-9 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:40-3-6:40-9 Wed-Thu 6:40-9
Tangled 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:10-7-9:10 Mon 7 Tue 1-3:10-7-9:10 Wed-Thu 7-9:10

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alpha et Omega (G) Fri-Sun 12:1-35-3:10-4:45-6:20 Mon-Thu 12-2-5:35-7:10
Chats et Chiens : La Revanche de Kitty Galore (G) Fri-Thu 12-5:50
Conviction (G) Fri-Sun 3:20-7:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:55-3:50-7:40-9:35
Detestable Moi (G) Fri-Sun 12:1:40-5:15
Red (G) Fri-Sun 7-9 Mon-Thu 5:35-9:30
Le Retour de Nounou McPhee (G) Fri-Sun 12:1:55-5:50 Mon-Thu 12-5:45
Secretariat (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:40-7:20-9:30
La Vie... tout simplement (G) Fri-Sun 3:50-7:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 12-3:35-7:30
À L'Origine d'un Cri (13+) Mon-Thu 1:35-5:35-8:45

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

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120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Burlesque (G) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:15-9:50 Mon 7:15-9:50 Tue 1:20-4:10-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:50
Harry Potter et les reliques de la mort - partie 1 (G) Fri 6:20-8-9:25 Sat-Sun 12-1-3:15-4:15-6:20-8-9:25 Mon 6:20-8-9:25 Tue 12-1-3:15-4:15-6:20-8-9:25 Wed-Thu 6:20-8-9:25
L'amour et les autres drogues (13+) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:50-9:30 Mon 6:50-9:30 Tue 1:10-3:40-6:50-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:30
Lance et compte (G) Fri 6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:30-9:35 Mon 6:30-9:35 Tue 12:40-3:45-6:30-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:35
Megamind 3D (G) Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45 Tue 12:10-2:45
Raiponce (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-7-9:10 Mon 7-9:10 Tue 12:30-3-7-9:10 Wed-Thu 7-9:10
Tout pour elle (13+) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4-7:10-9:45 Mon 7:10-9:45 Tue 1:25-4-7:10-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:45
Vitesse Extrême (13+) Fri 6:40-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:05-6:40-8:45 Mon 6:40-8:45 Tue 12:20-3:05-6:40-8:45 Wed-Thu 6:40-8:45
À fond de train (G) Fri-Thu 7:20-9:20

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Burlesque (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:50 Fri-Thu 12:40-3:35-6:55-9:40
Due Date (13+) Fri 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:35-9:55 Sat 5:20-7:35-9:55 Sun-Wed 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:35-9:55 Thu 12:35-2:55-9:55
Faster (13+) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:45-10:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:30-6:45-10 Fri-Thu 12-3:15-7:15-10:30
Harry Potter et les reliques de la mort - partie 1 (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-12:30-3-3:45-6:30-7-9:45-10:15
Lance et compte (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:05-7:05-10:05 Thu 3:05-7:05-10:05 Thu 12:15
Love & Other Drugs (13+) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:20-7:30-10:10 Thu 3:20-7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 12:45
Megamind (G) Fri 12:20-2:40-5-7:20 Sat 5-7:20 Sun-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:20
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-1:55-4:15-6:35-8:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1
Morning Glory (G) Fri-Thu 9:40
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (13+) Fri-Wed 11:40-2:25-6:40-9:30 Thu 11:40-2:25-6:40
Raiponce 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:55-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:05-7:25-9:50
Unstoppable (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:20

BARRHAVEN

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131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Burlesque (PG) Fri 7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 6-8:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Due Date (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 6:50-8:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 12-12:30-3:25-4:30-6:50-8:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 5-5:30-8:30-9
Megamind 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
Tangled 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8
Unstoppable (PG) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:10-8:10

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Burlesque (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:25-7:30-10:25 Wed 4:05-7:30-10:25 Thu 12:35-3:25-7:30-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Due Date (14A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:20-6:45-9:10 Thu 1:30-4:20-10:20
Fair Game (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4-6:40-9:20 Wed 1:20-4-10:20 Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9:20
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-8:10:35
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:45 Wed 4-7:20-10:45 Thu 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:45 Fri-Thu 11:45-3-6:30-8:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
It's a Wonderful Life (STC) Wed 7
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9:40
Megamind (PG) Fri 12:50-3:35 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:35
Megamind 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 11:50-2:30-5-7:35-9:55 Wed 11:50-2:30-5 Thu 11:50-2:30-5-7:35-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Pasquale Encore (STC) Sat 1
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15
National Theatre Live: Hamlet (STC) Thu 7
The Next Three Days (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:05-10:10
Red (STC) Fri-Thu 7:25-10:05
Tangled (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:35
Tangled 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:35 Wed 12:30-3-5:30-8 Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15

ORLEANS

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Burlesque (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:20-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:20
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Faster (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:20-7:20-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 7:20-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 1:20-7:20-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 7:20-9:55
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12-1-3:15-4:30-6:30-8-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:15-4:30-6:30-8-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12-1-3:15-4:30-6:30-8-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 3:15-4:30-6:30-8-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 3:15-4:30-8-9:45
Lance et compte (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:50-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30
Love & Other Drugs (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:20-3:45-7:9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:45-7:9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:20-3:45-7:9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:45-7:9:40
Megamind 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:40-6:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:40-3:40-6:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:40-6:20 Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 4
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Tangled 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 3:30-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:15
Unstoppable (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 4:20-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 1:10-4:20-7:15-10 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 4:20-7:15-10

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Burlesque (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-11-1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:05-7:35-9:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:20-4:50-7:05-7:35-9:55-10:25
Due Date (14A) Fri-Sun 10:35-12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Wed 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Thu 3:15
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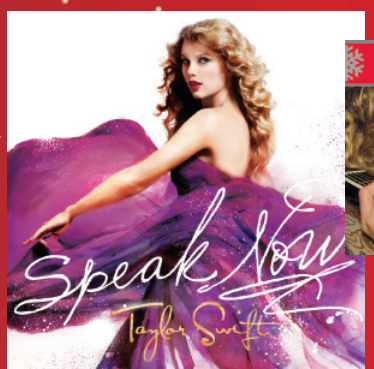

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Nancy Cartwright on the birth of Bart

As animated mega-show The Simpsons approaches its 500th episode, the voice of many a Springfield resident takes Metro back to the very beginning

TIFFANY ROSE
METRO WORLD NEWS

You may not know her face but her voice is legendary around the world as Bart Simpson from the most successful animation series on the Fox network, The Simpsons. Nancy Cartwright, also voices other characters such as Nelson Muntz, Ralph Wiggum, Todd Flanders and Kearney.

How did you find Bart's voice?

I remember as if it was yesterday. I was called in to the Fox lot to meet Matt Groening to read for the part of Lisa. All I had was the description that she was an eight year-old girl. Matt showed me a picture of Lisa, which helps formulate a sound when you see the jaw of a character, but I got nothing. Yet next to her was the picture of Bart, a 10-year-old schoolhating underachiever and proud of it. So wouldn't you rather be Bart? I asked Matt if I could do Bart instead of Lisa and typically I would give about three or four different sounds, but with Bart for some reason it was very clear to me that he sounded just like this (raising her voice an octave higher to sound like Bart). And Matt's eyes nearly popped out of his head!

Did you come up with Bart's catchphrases?

Most of them were in the script. The only one I contributed was 'Eat my shorts!' It was something that came from high school. I said it one time as a comment but it got a big laugh and next thing I know it was written in the script. One time I was coming out of an elevator and the doors were shutting and this kid was wearing a Bart Simpson T-shirt and I said in Bart's voice: "Cool T-shirt man!" (Laughs) I just love watching their reactions.

What is a typical working week as Bart?

In the production line up the actors record their voices first and then it's edited and then another six months in production for the art work and animation to be completed. Then I go in at the end for either one line or even one word which can take up to about an hour. So my time for one show is like a day at the most.

Post-prime playboy

Actor Bakula leads on the ladies in show backed by Ray Romano

Scott Bakula, husband and father of four, gets a kick out of portraying a feckless playboy at mid-life on TNT's Men of a Certain Age.

"I don't hope and dream of that other lifestyle, but it's fun to play a character that's living it. I have friends who live it, and I'm happy to let them have it because it's not an easy road out there," said Bakula, who plays Terry on the series that also stars Ray Romano and Andre Braugher.

"It's a struggle for my friends trying to date younger women or find somebody to get married and have a baby," Bakula said.

When TNT's Men of a Certain Age returns Dec. 6 for its second season, Terry finds he's got decisions to confront about work, life and growing up as he turns 50.

He's making progress, Bakula said. Shelving his dreams of acting success, Terry is working at the car dealership managed by buddy Owen (Braugher) and trying to adjust to the daily grind.

Terry is "such a mess," Bakula said, but he's trying. A rekindled relationship even tests his womanizing ways.

Bakula, 56, whose credits include TV's Quantum Leap and Star Trek: Enterprise and the movie The Informant!, is delighted to be part of a project that he says "felt a little risky." The three middle-age characters at its centre aren't the demographic prized by youth-obsessed advertisers.

Romano's clout, the result of his hit CBS sitcom Everybody Loves Raymond, is why it's on the air.

"A show like this doesn't get made unless somebody like Ray wants to do it," Bakula said.

He finds irony in its time slot, opposite Monday Night Football, and notes that women make up a substantial part of the audience for Men of a Certain Age.

Whether female viewers are looking for middle-age beefcake or insights into their own partners' psyches, Bakula is glad the show has cultivated a following. Bakula said he and his wife, actress Chelsea Field, enjoy watching it together.

Making the series is "just a blast. We laugh so much," he said of his fellow cast mates.

The show may be a ground-breaker with an episode (the Jan. 10 series finale) that includes a boys-gone-wild Palm Springs getaway centred on Terry's 50th birthday – and colonoscopies for all.

A DVD with season one's 10 episodes was recently released, with bonuses including cast commentary, deleted scenes and a gag reel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Scott Bakula plays at single life in Men of a Certain Age.

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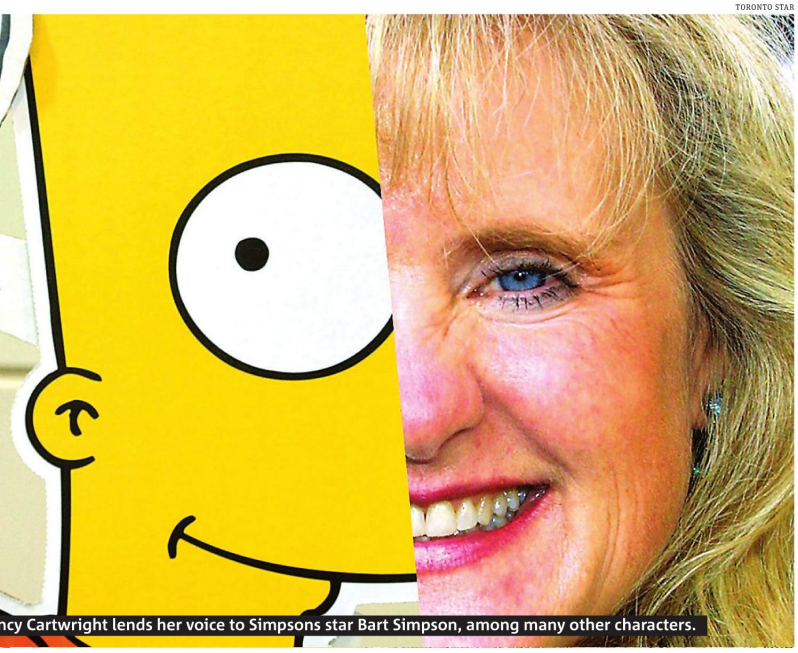

ncy Cartwright lends her voice to Simpsons star Bart Simpson, among many other characters.

TV picks

A hefty dose of diva on E!

REALITY. Get to know tabloid staples Kim, Kourtney and Khloe with a three-day marathon of Keeping Up With The Kardashians, starting today and running through Sunday. (Friday, E!)

Violence gets best of Viggo

FILM. Gangland thriller, A History of Violence, stars Viggo Mortenson and centres on a man harassed by criminals after he thwarts a robbery attempt at his diner. The film is directed by David Cronenberg. (Friday, CBC)

Jamie cooks up Christmas

COOKING. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver debuts a new series of five half-hour episodes, all revolving around Christmas. Get tips on saving time with advance prep, preparing a luscious holiday meal, and using up leftovers in Jamie's Family Christmas. (Saturday, Food Network Canada)

De Niro does SNL, again

VARIETY. Film legend Robert De Niro returns to Saturday Night Live to host for the third time. Could it have anything to do with the fact he has a movie coming out in time for Christmas? (Saturday, Global, NBC)

Sure, when pumpkins fly...

REALITY. Family entertainment doesn't get more basic than the Punkin' Chunkin competition in Bridgeville, Del. The annual tradition centres on launching pumpkins into the sky with a variety of contraptions. Hosted by Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman of MythBusters. (Sunday, Discovery)

Martha does the Bartman

COMEDY. Martha Stewart injects some holiday spirit into The Simpsons, with a guest spot on this weekend's episode as "Martha Clause." (Sunday, Global, Fox)

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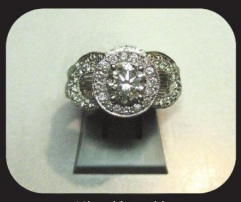
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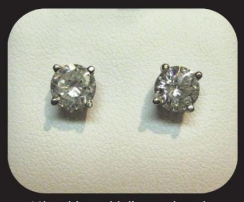
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From nerd to next big thing

Actor Cory Monteith gabs about his geeky past, his former gigs and his hopes for the future of Glee

TIFFANY ROSE
METRO WORLD NEWS

Canadian native, Cory Monteith shot to overnight stardom playing naïve high schooler, Finn Hudson on Fox's musical TV series, Glee. Now in its second season, the 28-year-old actor is grateful for his lucky break in a hit show after seven years trying his luck in Hollywood since moving from his hometown in Victoria. Metro caught up with the actor on the Paramount set where he revealed that his TV character is not that different from himself in high school.

What were you like in high school?
I was kind of a geek actually. I was definitely not a sports guy or a football hero. I spent a lot of time in the computer room. I was kind of an introverted kid.

Are you in any ways similar to Finn?
I'm similar to Finn in the sense that there's a certain naïve quality to him which I can relate to, but that was many years ago – now I am just bitter and jaded! Tarnished by the world. (Smiles) He's a lot more optimistic than me, not to say that I'm a pessimist but he's very idealistic in a way. There's a way that things should be as far as Finn is concerned and I'm a little more pragmatic than that.

You went through a period where you did a lot of odd jobs – Wal-Mart greeter, school bus driver, roofer, cab driver – did you ever question your acting career choice?
Always. I almost quit countless times. I think that's the part of most actor's stories. There was a point before I got a job – another TV gig called Kyle XY, where I was installing hardwood floors for 10 bucks an hour. I was literally making ends meet. I was thinking, maybe this acting thing may not work out. This was five years ago.

What does your family back in Canada think of your success?
It's been a kind of a slow burn for them too as I've been doing this in LA for seven or eight years and one job has led to the next. but everybody is just excited for me finally because Glee has turned into such a huge show. I got the privilege of hosting the Gemini Awards this year in Toronto, which is a big deal for Canadian television and I brought my mom from Victoria. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

What can we expect from Finn and Rachel in Season 2?
You can always expect Finn and Rachel! That's all I know. Twists and turns and ups and downs. I think that their relationship is a constant.

How would you like them to evolve as a couple?
I love working with Lea Michele, she's incredibly talented. Working opposite her is a pleasure. I would love for that to continue.

Picture this

Glee Get-up The actor did his interview in between shooting Glee scenes. He was dressed in a red and white football attire, with a number 5 on his jersey.

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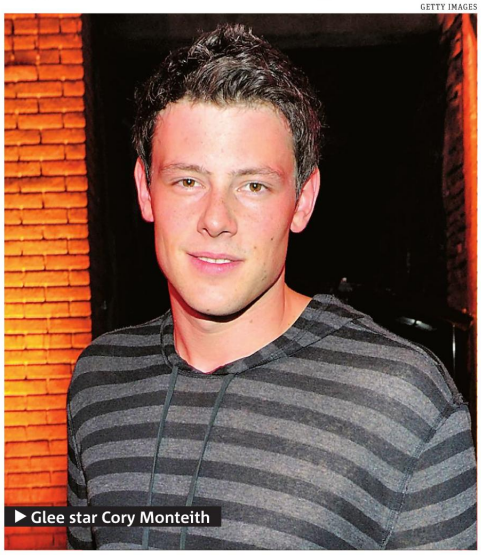

Glee star Cory Monteith

Film Eclipses Slade's resumé

- Master of the disturbing drama takes a lighter turn with Twilight
- Eclipse DVD to hit shelves Dec. 4

PHIL BROWN
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British director David Slade has two brooding thrillers under his belt in Hard Candy and 30 Days Of Night that never would have suggested his next feature would be the latest entry in the bubblegum teen romance series Twilight. For Slade, Eclipse was such a gear change from his previous work that he couldn't resist.

"It's not very often that someone is going to offer a romantic fantasy to a director who has done a thriller in which a woman takes revenge on a pedophile and another in which literal monsters take nihilism to a social order," Slade told Metro. "I had to take it because doing different things is how we learn and grow. But yeah, it's an odd one. I wouldn't have hired me."

Though Slade embraced the lovingly cheesy romance that has turned teenage girls and, mysteriously, middle-aged women into giggling Twilight devotees, the director was also the first to follow through on the horror aspects of the series that involves vampires and werewolves in addition to shirtless romantic pining.

"The horror aspects were all there in the script and I just followed through on them with my instincts," explained Slade. "If anything the producers actually started saying, 'maybe you should take this a bit further,' but I wasn't making Hard Candy. I was definitely making Eclipse. It was all about tone and tension. We thought we were better served by that rather than having people ripped in half."

The filmmaker may have added a dark edge to Eclipse that fans appreciated, but Slade is quick to acknowledge that the overall strength of the film still lies in the source material.

"The thing is that the story is great so there wasn't really any need to deviate that much from it anyways," admitted Slade. "In terms of dialing up the tension and improving the aesthetic of the special effects, any director coming in would have done the same."

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▶ From left to right, Alex Meraz, Booboo Stewart, Nikki Reed, David Slade, Kellan Lutz, Ashley Greene and Xavier Samuel attend the gala premiere of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse last July.

Director's dish

David Slade on gently mocking Twilight with Eclipse

"I think having written the first two movies Melissa Rosenberg felt at this point that she had the liberty to poke fun at certain things in the franchise and I applauded it. The actors did too. Nobody was offended. The series has matured enough for everyone to have a good laugh at the fact that Taylor doesn't have a shirt on or whatever it may be. There were certain other things that I felt we could make fun of, but we never really had the chance."

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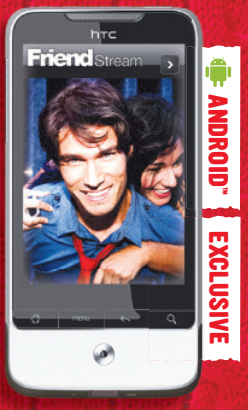

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Music

The Juno Awards are looking back at the past 40 years of music with a new book called Music from Far and Wide.

The hardcover collection of stories, images and anecdotes spans the history of the awards, and also features an introduction by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy.

INCEPTION

DVD

Christopher Nolan and Leonardo DiCaprio's brain-teaser, Inception, gets the small screen release on Tuesday.

Special features include Nolan talking about his unusual concept for the film and the set.

PENGUIN CLASSICS

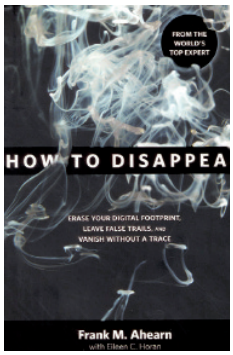
CHARITY

To mark World AIDS Day, Penguin Classics and Indigo Books and Music launched a new collection of classic works of literature to raise funds to help eliminate AIDS in Africa. Books in the series include Bram Stoker's Dracula, Henry James' The Turn of the Screw, and Joseph Conrad's The Secret Agent; Chapters.indigo.ca.

ROYAL WEDDING

RUMOR

All bets are off at one U.K. bookmaker, as the odds put Bruce Oldfield as the overwhelming favourite to design Kate Middleton's dress. Oldfield is no stranger to dressing society figures. To date, he has created gowns for Princess Diana, the British Prime Minister's wife Samantha Cameron and the Duchess of Cornwall, to name a few. However, neither Oldfield nor Prince William's official residence, Clarence House, have confirmed the Royal commission.



HOW TO DISAPPEAR

BOOK

Looking to get away from it all — or maybe just the holiday season?

Authors Frank M. Ahearn and Eileen C. Horan's How To Disappear offers tips on how to erase your digital footprint, leave false trails, and vanish without a trace.

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Cufflinks generally fall into that best-avoided category of dry and ordinary Christmas gifts along with ties, house slippers and cologne sets. But Alexander McQueen's skull fasteners make a roguish alternative. Complete with a grimacing smile and black Swarovski eyes, these gems will add a cool, macabre edge to any man's evening look. $255; alexandermcqueen.com.

Metro pick

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

MOVIES

Chances are you've seen the film a few too many times on the small screen.

So, maybe it's time to watch Frank Capra's A Wonderful Life on the big screen.

The annual holiday classic will be shown at select Cineplex theatres across Canada on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12.

▶ The timeless classic, It's a Wonderful Life, will be shown at select Cineplex theatres across Canada on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12.

Mix of Six

City Hall

Perceptions

Explore how art can be experienced in non-traditional ways. This show features new works by seven Canadian artists with disabilities and deaf artists who have reinterpreted existing artworks from the City of Ottawa's Fine Art Collection, and runs to January 16. Ongoing, City Hall Art Gallery.

Show

The Acorn

The Ottawa natives stage a homecoming show in support of their latest album, No Ghost, recorded at a secluded cottage in Northern Quebec. A thematic stage show, props, and specials guests help bring the cottage to the stage. Saturday, 8 p.m., Capital Music Hall.

Play

Nuit d'orage

Lights up on an anxious little girl and her dog on a wild and stormy night. This stage adaptation of the children's book by Michelle Lemieux is recommended for kids ages five to nine. Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., National Arts Centre.

Art Show

Holiday Art Sale Fundraiser

The Ottawa School of Art presents its annual sale of works of art created by its students, instructors and alumni. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m., Ottawa School of Art Gallery and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m., Shenkman Arts Centre.

More Art

Susan Ashbrook's Christmas Studio Open House

Join Susan at Rosecliffe Cottage Studio, and feel free to bring your friends. Friday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2531 Manse Rd., Cumberland Village.

Concert

Apocalyptica

The Finnish classical/metal musicians bring their genre-defying hybrid music to Ottawa in support of their seventh studio album, 7th Symphony. Tickets are $25 in advance and available at Vertigo Records and the Record Shaap, by phone at 613-755-1111 or online at www.livenation.com or www.ticketmaster.ca. Friday, 8 p.m., Bronson Centre Theatre.

ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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▶Musician Gene Simmons at Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

Sound Check

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Look at this," said Gene Simmons, picking up a KISS coffee mug from the table in front of us last weekend in Montreal. "This is one of 3,000 branded and trademarked KISS items. We're also bringing back the KISS coffin because it's sold out."

"What does it go for? Is it $7,000?"

"Something like that," he said with a capitalist grin.

Ten years ago, buying band-branded swag had to be done at a concert, a record store or a downmarket shop that offered cheap knock-offs. Even then, choices were limited to t-shirts, stickers and, if you were really lucky, a belt buckle. The Internet has changed all that.

With CD sales cratering, artists are seeking revenue relief from online merchandise sales. For example, the U2 fan can find everything from t-shirts to DVDs to a selection of beautiful black-and-white lithographs that I've never seen anywhere else.

For $50 US, you can get a gift certificate to U2.com which comes with some recordings that will never be available in stores. Or if you'd prefer U2 on your tree instead of under it, there's a rather pretty Christmas ornament based on the cover of All That You Can't Leave Behind.

Oh, and speaking of things to hang on the tree, there's a really cool Bowie decoration featuring his Aladdin Sane persona in a fetching Santa hat.

Coldplay's Viva Coldplay fleece blanket is on sale for $29.95. Weezer was selling their own branded Snuggies, but they're sold out. Maybe eBay.

Soundgarden has the usual t-shirts for sale but what caught my eye were the ornate concert posters, including one from this past year's Lollapalooza in Chicago ($25 US).

The worst place for me, though, is Third Man Records, the label owned by Jack White. Vinyl junkies should approach at their own risk. I've got my eye on the White Stripes Vinyl Starter Merchandise Collection which, even at $499 US, looks like a bargain. Plus I'm in Nashville this week, home of the physical Third Man store. It could get ugly at customs.

Shopping list

- **KISS:** bit.ly/9pJFPy
- **U2:** bit.ly/fb2uNE
- **Coldplay:** bit.ly/dCDXU9
- **Weezer:** weezer.cinderblock.com
- **Soundgarden:** soundgardenworld.com/shop
- **Third Man Records:** thirdmanrecords.com

Drake to host Junos in 2011

Drake will come home to host the Juno Awards next year.

The 24-year-old Toronto native will return to his hometown for the awards bash, which will be held at the Air Canada Centre on March 27 and broadcast on CTV.

Drake — whose real name is Aubrey Graham — won his first two Junos at this year's show in St. John's, N.L., taking awards for best new artist and rap recording of the year.

The former Degrassi star won months before releasing his debut album, Thank Me Later, in June.

The record has since been certified platinum in Canada and the U.S.

This year's award show used a rotating cast of presenters, while comedian Russell Peters hosted the two previous Juno broadcasts.

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▶ Drake

Just the beginning for singer Will.i.am

On their new album, The Beginning, the Black Eyed Peas go even more mainstream While some fans were surprised by the band's new electro style, frontman Will.i.am says club music is the only 'living' music

On their new album, The Beginning, the Black Eyed Peas go more mainstream, even remastering the Dirty Dancing theme song. But "nothing is sacred," says Black Eyed Peas frontman Will.i.am.

Before The E.N.D., the Black Eyed Peas already sold loads of albums. Were you surprised with the seven million you sold?

Not at all. First, we hadn't done anything for four years. And Monkey Business, the previous album, was already a huge success. And when The E.N.D. came out, there were no more "physical" shops.

The electro style you've adopted has been quite surprising for your fans. Did you think it was a risk?

I remember when we were about to record The E.N.D., our manager asked us who we'd like to collaborate with: Beyoncé, Usher, Justin Timberlake? I said none of them.

I wanted to work with DJs like Boys Noize or David Guetta. Back in 2007, this was quite a crazy idea for a pop band. Why did we want this? Because club music was the only living music, and what the DJs are playing is what makes people dance. That's the rule.

Black Eyed Peas are, what, a remedy to our dark age? People need to dance to forget their woes?

Is it the law that makes you go home every day at 5 p.m.? Or you want to eat sushi but can only afford a sandwich? No.

The problem nowadays is that people are disconnected from each other. On the street, in a restaurant, we are playing with our smartphones and we can't have a normal conversation. We're in our little technological bubble. That's why I like to go to concerts, clubs or football games — for that collective experience.

When did you write your new album, The Beginning?

When we were on tour. The track XOXOXO, for instance, comes from the text messages I got from my girlfriend [he starts to sing]: "Baby everywhere I go, I'm not alone, you let me know, you're on my phone, you're in my dreams, you're on my screen, you send me X & Os."

As a matter of fact, I recorded a lot of stuff on my phone. For The Time (Dirty Bit), I was on a plane when I recorded the original beat.

Remastering the Dirty Dancing hit [(I've Had) The Time of My Life] is a bit of a secret shame, isn't it?

I know! People say, "Why did you destroy this song? How did you dare to do that?"

I don't care. It's like saying, "Why did you use this grape to make marmalade? You were supposed to make wine out of it." Or being angry because I turn smoking pants into shorts! Or wearing a smoking jacket with rubber boots!

Nothing is sacred — so neither is music. For me, any piece of music is like an ingredient.

Tell me more about David Guetta, who wrote a track on your new album. Some people say he's gone too commercial and away from the underground...

People who listen to his or our music just want to escape. They don't care about that crap. You know, besides some musicians who want to stay aside, most of them want to have success. These are the ones who are critical. I like the underground music. Not the little disputes coming from there.

The best is to seduce both the mainstream and the underground scene. Prince, Michael Jackson — everybody loves them.

Speaking of Michael Jackson, can you tell me of the songs you released with him?

No. Why? Because he is not with us anymore to give his blessing on them. Michael was a perfectionist, always willing to do better. Making an album with the songs we wrote together would be disrespectful. Sony asked me to do it, but I declined.

Will you ever listen to the Michael album?

Sure I will. But I know that one of the songs that already came out on the Internet, Michael wasn't totally happy with. I remember him calling me in 2008 because he was furious — well, in his way.

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Bocelli's Blue Christmas

▶ Andrea Bocelli sings his favourite Christmas carols, including Blue Christmas, on re-released album My Christmas.

The blind tenor re-releases My Christmas Album features duets with 'many of the best singers in the world' Collaborators include Mary J. Blige and Reba McEntire

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Andrea Bocelli's favourite songs of the season have colours in their titles.

That the singer has been without eyesight for most of his 52 years is only part of the peculiarity that he would name Blue Christmas and White Christmas when asked about the holiday songs he likes best.

The Italian tenor says he has only experienced Christmas with snow on the ground "probably two or three times."

"It was very beautiful," he recounts, "especially when I was a child."

Bocelli says although he may not have immediately related to all of the yuletide customs that are celebrated on his newly re-released album, My Christmas, he consulted with some of the album's collaborators, including Mary J. Blige, Natalie Cole and Reba McEntire.

"I thought it was very interesting, this combination of voices, because we have different voices and different repertoires. Everyone has very important elements to reach the hearts of the people."
ANDREA BOCELLI, ON RECORDING HIS CHRISTMAS ALBUM WITH SOUL AND COUNTRY SINGERS

"I'm lucky," he says. "I've sung with many of the best singers of the world."

Collaborations

He has woven his operatic tenor with Blige's soulful voice a few times before, but it was a new experience to pair it with the country twang of McEntire, his partner on Blue Christmas.

"I thought it was very interesting, this combination of voices, because we have different voices and different repertoires," he says of working with the country star. "Everyone has very important elements to reach the hearts of the people."

On singing with The Muppets

This "everyone" he speaks of also includes The Muppets, with whom he delivers a fun rendition of Jingle Bells that the listener is never quite certain is silly or sincere.

"I met them in America," he says of the Jim Henson creatures, "But before that I had a very nice experience with Elmo.

"We did something together in television with big success. And also my children, when they saw this program, the smaller one cried. He was very moved. But with Muppets, it's been a beautiful experience."

War and peace

One of Bocelli's trademarks is his relaxed onstage demeanor, but there's more than meets the eye there.

"I suffer a lot from stage fright," he admits. "It's true. I have to create a mix between war and peace. War inside and peace outside."

So how does he find that balance?

"The most important thing for me is to think of the lyrics, because I need to understand the meaning of the lyrics. Because from the meaning of the lyrics comes the interpretation," he says.

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Not just another girl band

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Up-and-coming L.A. band Warpaint may be comprised of four people, all of whom happen to be women, but they are not explicitly a "girl band." Considering a previous member was, in fact, male, girl power isn't what they're about.

"I think it says more about the person asking the question," says drummer Stella Mozgawa, about journalists who only want to know about the all-girl aspect of the band. "Most people ask us if we're sick of being asked about being a girl band, which I guess says something."

Warpaint gives off a decidedly different vibe from the likes of, say, the Slits or Le Tigre, even if they can consider those bands as part of the same heritage. Boasting three vocalists within the quartet, the songs have complex harmonies and layered, trippy guitars — so intricate and palatable that critics are taking notice of the fact that the band has a wealth of talent that outshines their pretty press photo.

All four members of the band participate in the writing process equally. Mozgawa explains, "It wouldn't be a democratic band if we didn't try every idea at least once."

Also aiding in their rise was producer and ex-Red Hot Chili Pepper John Frusciante. Now back from a sprawling European tour, Warpaint is about to take on the East Coast and then the West.

How do they do it? "You know, amphetamines. Just loads and loads of drugs," Mozgawa jokes, her voice a laid-back Outback accent.

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▶ All four members of Warpaint participate equally in the writing process.

Freed American sings about Iranian prison

Seeks support for jailed friends' freedom Wrote songs in solitary confinement to keep her sanity

Sarah Shourd, the American woman freed after more than a year in an Iranian prison, on Wednesday released a song she hopes will build support for the release of her fiance and friend who remain jailed in that country.

A music video of Shourd's Piece of Time was posted on YouTube and the song made available for download on the shopping site Amazon.com.

In a telephone interview, Shourd told The Associated Press that the song was one of many she composed while in solitary confinement at Evin Prison in Tehran. She would sing the songs to her fiance, Shane Bauer, and friend, Josh Fattal, when they were allowed to see each other in the prison courtyard.

"The reason I'm doing the song is for Shane and Josh and to help people understand what they're going through and what I went through," Shourd said. "I started writing songs the first day that I was thrown into a cell alone. It was really one of the things that kept me sane."

The song was released to coincide with the start of the 17th month of imprisonment for Bauer and Fattal, who are graduates of the University of California, Berkeley.

The song describes Shourd's arrest and imprisonment in Iran, beginning, "We walked across hard land / Into a human trap / They took us for one long ride / You're now in Iran, Iran."

Money raised from sales of the song will be used to pay for legal, translation and travel expenses related to efforts to win the Americans' freedom.

Shourd was released on humanitarian grounds in January, more than 13 months after the three Americans were arrested while hiking near the border of Iran and Iraq and accused of spying. The Americans and U.S. government say the three are innocent.

Shourd said she spoke to Fattal briefly over the Thanksgiving weekend when she was at his mother's house and worries about their continuing isolation. He told her he is still singing her songs, she said.

Shourd said she has not had formal musical training but has always loved to sing.

"In prison, it became a lifeline for me. Singing got me out of my cell. It was a way to connect with my past, present and future," she said. "My greatest hope is that Shane and Josh can be in my next video."

A trial in Iran is scheduled for Feb. 6.

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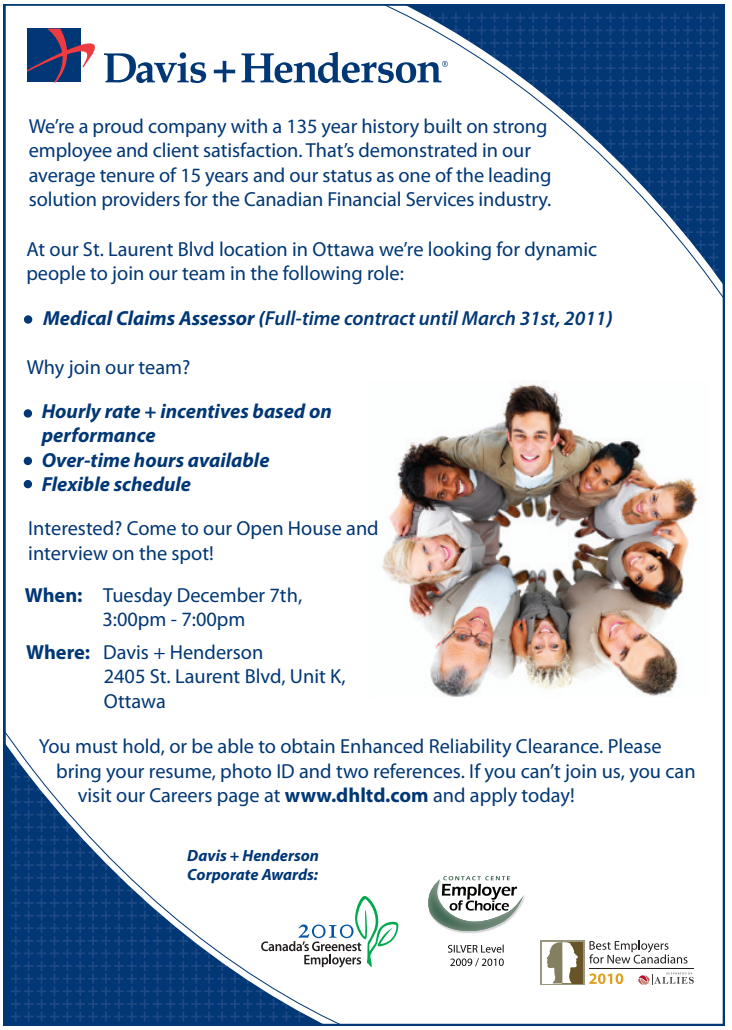
▶ In this May 20, 2010 file photo, American hikers Shane Bauer, left, Sarah Shourd, centre, and Josh Fattal, sit at the Esteghlal Hotel in Tehran, Iran.



Aguilera's in love with a new man, but taking it slow

Christina Aguilera is opening up about the new man in her life, Matthew Rutler.

She tells People magazine, "There is love there."

Aguilera, who recently separated from her husband, Jordan Bratman, met Rutler while working with him on Burlesque, her new movie.

"Once I filed for divorce, we started dating," she says. "I'm not trying to jump into anything. I just left a five-year marriage. I'm taking it slow and trying to be happy."

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▶ Aguilera is dating Matthew Rutler.

Snoop Dogg's player anthem for Prince Wills

Everyone seems to be getting excited about Prince William's upcoming wedding to Kate Middleton, including Snoop Dogg, who recorded a new track to be played at William's bachelor party, according to People.

"When I heard the royal family wanted to have me perform in celebration of Prince William's marriage, I knew I had to give them a little something," the rapper says, adding that the track, Wet, is "the perfect anthem for Prince William or any player to get the club smoking."

There's been no official word that he'll be asked to attend the party, though.

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▶ Snoop Dogg has created a song called Wet for Prince Williams' bachelor party.

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▶ Britney Spears is denying allegations that her boyfriend is abusive toward her.

Britney strikes back against rumours of abuse

The singer's rep says legal team will take action

Britney Spears is striking back over rumours that her boyfriend, Jason Trawick, is abusive toward her.

"Suffice it to say, that Jason Trawick has never laid a hand on Britney," her reps say in a statement.

"This is just another example of the irresponsible nature of the tabloid media relying on shoddy sources and false information for the sole purpose of selling magazines, without regard to the truth and without regard to who they hurt in the process.

"These irresponsible statements are defamatory.

"Britney Spears' legal team will be taking legal action against all of the appropriate parties."

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Longoria never expected divorce

Eva Longoria never thought Tony Parker would be unfaithful or that she'd end up locked in a bitter divorce battle with him.

Basketball Wives star — and friend of Longoria — Tami Roman tells PopEater, "You couldn't have told any of us that that wasn't a match made in heaven," she says.

Roman also added, "It was a shock, but on the other side of the coin, when you think about that basketball lifestyle and how many women are accessible, it shouldn't be that shocking.

"He's a young guy with money, women and fame. It's easy to get sidetracked."

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Celebrity tweets

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Ben Stiller [@RedHourBen] Best present I probably won't use too often: Limited edition 3D glasses from @justinbieber. Or Bieber's people. We're not sure. Thanks JB.

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Madge's gym lacks permit?

Just two days after opening, Madonna's first in the gym business venture may be in danger of closing, according to Mexican broadcaster Televisa.

The problem seems to be a missing permit. Authorities say it must be obtained.

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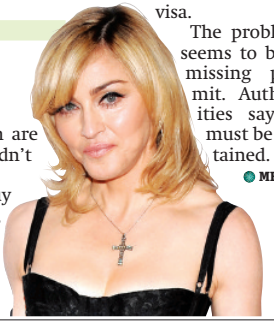

Finally, a guilt-free party food to enjoy

Mini cocktail popovers have the irresistible carbs of a baked good, with less calories

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▶ Popovers are an elegant and satisfying way to serve healthy party food.

Want to lighten up your holiday hors d'oeuvres? Cut out the middle.

Mini cocktail popovers are an elegant and satisfying choice for a healthy party food.

Even though they're eggy and have the irresistible carbs of a baked good, they're hollow in the centre so they pack fewer calories. They also are simple to prepare.

For these cocktail popover variations, a lighter version of the typical popover batter is used.

The recipe starts with skim milk and cuts out some of the egg yolks to trim the fat even further. And while a prudent amount of butter is used to add that unmistakable flavour, half of the standard amount is replaced with healthier extra-virgin olive oil.

For the lightest version, you could offer plain popovers or simply add fresh (or dried) herbs such as chives, tarragon or a blend to the batter.

Another way to boost the flavour is to add a few tablespoons of freshly grated Parmesan cheese and ground black pepper.

Other delicious yet guilt-free variations could include stuffing the popovers with a blend of whipped light cream cheese and chopped smoked salmon or even a piece of steamed asparagus wrapped in prosciutto.

Ingredients:

Batter
- 250 ml (1 cup) skim milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg white
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter, melted
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt

Olive Cocktail Popovers
- 24 kalamata olives, pitted and chopped

Herbed Cheese Cocktail Popovers
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) light spreadable garlic and herb cheese

Herbed Pepper Cocktail Popovers
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped peppadew or jalapeno peppers (jalapenos will be hotter)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped scallions

Preparation:

1. Start to finish: 40 minutes (10 minutes active). Makes 30 servings.

2. Heat oven to 220 C (425 F). Set 2 mini muffin tins on a baking sheet. Coat tins with cooking spray, then place them (on the baking sheet) into the oven to heat.

3. Meanwhile, to make the batter, in a blender or food processor, combine milk, eggs, egg white, melted butter, olive oil, flour and salt. Blend for 15 seconds. Scrape down the sides of the container, then blend for another 30 seconds.

4. To make olive cocktail popovers, remove muffin tins from the oven and place 1 olive in each cup. Spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter on top of each olive. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Serve immediately.

5. To make herbed cheese cocktail popovers, remove muffin tins from oven and spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter into each cup. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Remove popovers from pans and set on a rack to cool.
When ready to serve, poke a hole in the bottom of each popover. Put cheese in a small sturdy plastic bag. Gather the bag and squeeze the cheese into one corner. With scissors, snip off the tip of the bag and squeeze 5 ml (1 tsp) of the cheese into each popover. Serve immediately.

6. To make herbed pepper popovers, mix peppers and scallions into batter. Remove muffin tins from oven and spoon a heaping tablespoon of batter into each cup. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown and crisp. Remove popovers from pans and set on a rack to cool.

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Food in brief

Tips for your holiday party:
- For 20 guests, offer eight to 10 easy-to-handle tasty bites. (Six to eight per guest per hour.)
- Try to have preparations done before the guests arrive.
- along with alcoholic drinks, have festive non-alcoholic alternatives available.

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Heatley sheds no light on departure

- Sharks forward booed by crowd
- Doesn't elaborate on reason for leaving

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▶ Jason Spezza of the Sens checks Sharks forward Dany Heatley Thursday.

Dany Heatley expected Senators fans to let him have it in his return to Ottawa, and he wasn't disappointed.

The San Jose forward was booed and serenaded with chants of "Heatley sucks" the moment he stepped on the ice at Scotiabank Place Thursday for the pre-game warm-up before the Sharks took on the Senators.

As the seats filled for the start of the game, those chants continued into the first period along with a chorus of boos every time No. 15 touched the puck.

When Ottawa forward Jason Spezza knocked Heatley to the ice early on, it drew a loud cheer from the crowd.

There was some variation to the crowd's displeasure as chants of "traitor" were thrown into the mix. They also started to boo whenever Heatley came near the puck.

But Heatley did get the last laugh Thursday, collecting one assist as his Sharks blanked the Senators 4-0.

Heatley still isn't shedding much light on his reasons for wanting out of Ottawa in the first place.

He insisted again Thursday that his departure was about nothing more than wanting a change after sensing that his role diminished during his four seasons with the team.

That explanation has never sat well with Ottawa fans, who have made him a target for their scorn ever since.

"I felt it was best to move on," Heatley said after the morning skate.

"It's not like I woke up one day and decided to do it. I felt that way for a long time my last season here. I did talk a lot with the people in charge here at that time and at the end I didn't think it could be resolved."

While Heatley says he has no regrets about the Sept. 12, 2009, deal that sent him to San Jose for Milan Michalek, Jonathan Cheechoo and a second-round draft pick, he admits he no longer listens to the rumours and innuendo about the matter.

Many in Ottawa still believe that Heatley's reasons for requesting the trade run much deeper than just needing a change.

"Those are fans and some of the media that chose to be that way," he said. "The media has a job to do; fans can say what they want. Some media do their job and some are a little overboard, but that's the way it is."

He adds that he's been through this before and that once the game starts, all the external issues no longer matter.

"It is what it is," said Heatley. "I'm happy to see a lot of people in this town. I met a lot of great people during my time here and the people that cast me as a villain that's fine.

"I'm just going to go out there and play hockey."

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Sharks 4, Senators 0

Ottawa fans at Scotiabank Place held up disparaging signs and voiced their disapproval with a chorus of boos all night directed at former Senators forward Dany Heatley. But all the attention didn't seem to bother him or his current teammates one bit. Logan Couture scored twice and Antti Niemi made 28 saves Thursday as the San Jose Sharks blanked the Senators 4-0 in Heatley's first game at Scotiabank Place since requesting a trade in the summer of 2009.

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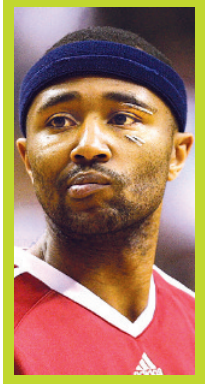

"It's almost like your ex-girlfriend coming to your wedding."

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Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-1-0	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	23	10	13	0	0	60	62	20	5-5-0-0	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Toronto	24	8	12	2	2	51	70	20	6-5-2-1	2-7-0-1	3-6-1-0	L4
New Jersey	25	8	15	1	1	46	74	18	4-6-1-1	4-9-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	23	5	13	3	2	54	81	15	3-5-1-1	2-8-2-1	1-7-1-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	22	16	4	1	1	78	59	34	10-1-1-1	6-3-0-0	8-1-1-0	W3
d-Vancouver	23	13	7	1	2	75	61	29	8-2-0-1	5-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W3
d-Dallas	23	14	8	0	1	68	62	29	8-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	6-3-0-1	W4
Chicago	27	14	11	1	1	86	79	30	6-7-0-0	8-4-1-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Columbus	23	14	8	0	1	65	57	29	6-6-0-1	8-2-0-0	6-3-0-1	L3
Anaheim	27	13	11	2	1	71	80	29	9-4-0-1	4-7-2-0	4-4-2-0	W3
Colorado	24	13	9	2	0	85	74	28	7-4-1-0	5-6-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
San Jose	24	12	8	4	0	72	68	28	7-4-2-0	5-4-2-0	5-3-2-0	W1
Phoenix	24	12	7	4	1	70	70	28	5-3-2-1	7-4-2-0	8-2-0-0	W1
St. Louis	24	12	9	1	2	63	68	27	8-2-0-1	4-7-1-1	3-6-0-1	L4
Nashville	24	11	8	3	2	58	63	27	4-1-3-2	7-7-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
Los Angeles	23	13	10	0	0	63	57	26	8-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	L4
Minnesota	24	11	11	0	2	58	69	24	7-6-0-1	4-5-0-1	4-6-0-0	L3
Calgary	25	10	13	1	1	69	76	22	6-6-0-0	4-7-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Edmonton	25	9	12	1	3	68	92	22	3-6-0-1	6-6-1-2	5-4-0-1	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Edmonton 5 Toronto 0
Boston 8 Tampa Bay 1
Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 2
Montreal 5 New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 6 N.Y. Islanders 5
San Jose at Ottawa
Washington at Dallas
Florida at Los Angeles
Wednesday's results
Edmonton 4 Montreal 3 (OT)
Vancouver 7 Calgary 2
Anaheim 5 Florida 3
Boston 3 Philadelphia 0
Nashville 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
Phoenix 4 Minnesota 2
Washington 4 St. Louis 1
Tonight's games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

OILERS 5 MAPLE LEAFS 0

First Period
1. Edmonton, Eberle 5 (Whitney) 3:10
Penalties — MacIntyre Edm, Orr Tor (fighting) 9:31, Gilbert Edm (roughing) 10:09, Whitney Edm (holding) 13:50.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Hall 7 (Eberle) 6:24
3. Edmonton, Gagner 8 (Paajarvi, Jones) 19:57
Penalties — Cogliano Edm (tripping) 11:29, Schenn Tor (holding) 14:44.
Third Period
4. Edmonton, Hall 8 (Horcoff, Eberle) 16:55
5. Edmonton, Jones 5 (Whitney) 17:29
Penalties — Peckham Edm (tripping) 5:23, Crabb Tor (holding) 7:39, Jones Edm (high-sticking) 10:07, Kadri Tor (hooking) 11:41, Komisarek Tor (cross-checking) 19:35.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	4	8	7	19
Toronto	12	11	10	33

Goal (shots-saves) — Edmonton: Khabibulin (W,5-10-1); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,3-7-2)(6-4), Giguere (6:24 of the second)(13-11).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-4; Toronto: 0-5.
Referees — Chris Ciamaga, Dave Jackson.
Linesmen — David Brisebois, Michel Cormier.
Attendance — 19,465 at Toronto.

CANADIENS 5 DEVILS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, B.Gionta 8 (Hamrlik, Plekanec) 0:11
2. Montreal, Eller 2, 1:38
Missed penalty shot — Plekanec Mon, 7:27.
Penalty — Hamrlik Mtl (hooking) 3:18.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Pyatt 1 (Lapierre, Halpern) 2:30
4. Montreal, Gomez 4 (Weber, Cammalleri) 8:37 (pp)
5. Montreal, Pouliot 6 (Eller, Hamrlik) 9:57
Penalties — Fayne NJ (tripping) 7:38, Hamrlik Mtl, Eller Mtl (tripping) 17:06.
Third Period
6. New Jersey, Arnott 9 (Elias, Zubrus) 8:18
Penalty — C.White NJ (high-sticking) 10:39.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	14	10	8	32
New Jersey	11	11	6	28

Goal (shots-saves) — Montreal: Price (W,15-7-2); New Jersey: Hedberg (L,4-4-1)(3-1), McKenna (1:38 first)(29-26).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 1-2; New Jersey: 0-3.
Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Mike Leggo.
Linesmen — Jean Morin, Derek Amell.
Attendance — 11,434 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	18	23	41
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	10	23	33
Semin, Wash	18	13	31
St. Louis, TB	10	21	31
Backstrom, Wash	11	19	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	27	29
D.Sedin, Vcr	14	14	28
Perry, Ana	12	16	28
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
B.Richards, Dal	11	17	28
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Byfuglien, Atl	10	17	27
Datsyuk, Det	8	19	27
Getzlaf, Ana	8	19	27
Hejduk, Col	8	19	27
Heatley, SJ	12	13	25

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Matt Albers.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Exercised their 2011 option on the contract of SS Alexei Ramirez. Declined to tender contracts to RHP Bobby Jenks and LHP Erick Threets.
DETROIT TIGERS — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Zach Miner.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Russ Canzler, INF J.J. Furmaniak, RHP Richard De Los Santos, RHP Cory Wade and LHP R.J. Swindle on minor league contracts. Promoted Mark Vinson to assistant trainer.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Dustin McGowan on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES — Declined to tender a contract to OF Matt Diaz. Agreed to terms with INF/OF Eric Hinske on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with INF Jeff Baker on a one-year contract.
FLORIDA MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Javier Vazquez on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Declined to tender a contract to RHP Sammy Gervacio.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Released RHP Dinesh Patel, RHP Sheng-Cin Hong and 1B Chih-Wei Hsu.

FOOTBALL

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS — Placed DE Dwan Edwards on injured reserve. Signed TE Mike Caussin.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed RB Josh Vaughan to the practice squad. Released RB Jeremiah Johnson from the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed PK Jason Hanson on injured reserve. Signed CB Tye Hill.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed G Stephen Neal on injured reserve.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed QB Bruce Gradkowski on injured reserve. Signed QB J.T. O'-Sullivan.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DE Odell Willis to a contract extension.

HOCKEY

NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned F Josh Brittain from Syracuse (AHL) to Elmira (ECHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned D Nikita Nikitin to Peoria (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned F Alexandre Bolduc to Manitoba (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed D Brett Flemming to a three-year contract.

AHL

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Recalled D David Urquhart from Wheeling (ECHL).
SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned F John Kurtz to Elmira (ECHL).

ECHL

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Activated D Matt Sorteberg, D Brian Kilburg and F Michael Gergen. Announced D Ric Jackman has accepted an offer to play in Europe.

SOCCER

MLS

D.C. UNITED — Announced they will not exercise options on D Barry Rice, D Juan Manuel Pe?a, M Brandon Barklage and M Carlos Varela.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	4	.778	—
New York	10	9	.526	4½
Toronto	7	11	.389	7
New Jersey	6	13	.316	8½
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	9

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	14	4	.778	—
Atlanta	12	7	.632	2½
Miami	11	8	.579	3½
Charlotte	6	12	.333	8
Washington	5	12	.294	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	7	.563	—
Indiana	9	8	.529	½
Cleveland	7	10	.412	2½
Milwaukee	6	12	.333	4
Detroit	6	13	.316	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	3	.833	—
Dallas	14	4	.778	1
New Orleans	13	5	.722	2
Memphis	8	11	.421	7½
Houston	6	12	.333	9

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	5	.750	—
Oklahoma City	13	6	.684	1½
Denver	11	6	.647	2½
Portland	8	10	.444	6
Minnesota	4	14	.222	10

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	13	6	.684	—
Phoenix	8	9	.471	4
Golden State	8	10	.444	4½
Sacramento	4	12	.250	7½
L.A. Clippers	4	15	.211	9

Last night's results
Miami at Cleveland
Phoenix at Golden State
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 112 Memphis 109
Oklahoma City 123 New Jersey 120 (3OT)
Toronto 127 Washington 108
Boston 99 Portland 95
Miami 97 Detroit 72
Orlando 107 Chicago 78
New Orleans 89 Charlotte 73
Dallas 100 Minnesota 86
Houston 109 L.A. Lakers 99
Denver 105 Milwaukee 94
Utah 110 Indiana 88
L.A. Clippers 90 San Antonio 85
Tonight's games
New Jersey at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	16	142	130	437	27.3
Bryant, LAL	19	171	138	507	26.7
Rose, CHI	15	149	69	387	25.8
Nowitzki, DAL	18	169	96	447	24.8
Westbrook, OKC	19	152	157	467	24.6

Not including last night's games

GOLF

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

At Winter Garden, Fla.
p-Panther Lake Course (7,223 yards; par-71—35-36); c-Crooked Cat Course (7,493 yards; par-72—36-36)

Chris Baryla	**72p-61c—133**
Ben Martin	66p-68c—134
Kyle Stanley	65c-70p—135
Sunghoon Kang	68c-67p—135
Josh Geary	69c-67p—136
Seung Ho Lee	69c-67p—136
James Driscoll	68p-68c—136
Carlos Franco	70p-66c—136
Cameron Tringale	69p-67c—136
Charles Warren	70p-67c—137
Brandt Jobe	72p-65c—137
Matt McQuillan	**70p-67c—137**
Billy Mayfair	69p-69c—138
Kent Jones	70c-68p—138
Jarrod Lyle	70c-68p—138
Zack Miller	70p-68c—138
Jeff Quinney	74c-65p—139
Danny Wax	69c-70p—139
Scott Weatherly	67c-72p—139
Gary Woodland	71c-68p—139
Roberto Castro	71c-68p—139
J.J. Killeen	71c-68p—139
Brian Bateman	70p-69c—139
Bio Kim	70p-70c—140
Joseph Bramlett	67c-73p—140
Jim Renner	72p-68c—140
Brett Waldman	68p-72c—140
Todd Bailey	71c-69p—140
Scott Gordon	70p-70c—140
Scott Piercy	71p-70c—141
Tommy Biershenk	71c-70p—141
Richard Lee	73c-68p—141
Luke Hickmott	72p-69c—141
William McGirt	69p-72c—141
Paul Stankowski	69c-72p—141
Gavin Coles	69p-72c—141
Andres Gonzales	70c-71p—141
David Lingmerth	72p-69c—141
Will Strickler	72p-69c—141
Jason Gore	70c-72p—142
Dicky Pride	69c-73p—142
Nate Smith	73c-69p—142
Richard T. Lee	**71p-71c—142**
Billy Horschel	70p-72c—142
Jonas Blixt	72p-70c—142
Shawn Jasper	70p-72c—142
Tyrone Van Aswegen	72c-70p—142
Scott Stallings	71c-71p—142
Rahil Gangjee	71c-71p—142
Erik Compton	70p-72c—142
Matthew Richardson	**74c-69p—143**
Dustin Garza	73c-70p-143
Justin Hicks	72p-71c-143
Ty Tryon	73c-70p-143
Richard S. Johnson	72p-71c-143
Matt Davidson	73c-70p-143
Also	
Jon Mills	**75p-71c—146**
Ted Brown	**71c-78p—149**
David McKenzie	**75c-74p—149**

PGA CHEVRON WORLD CHALLENGE

At Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Par 72
First Round

Tiger Woods	32-33—65
Rory McIlroy	33-33—66
Graeme McDowell	32-34—66
Dustin Johnson	33-36—69
Stewart Cink	35-34—69

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Sydney
Par 72
First Round

Matthew Griffin, Australia	31-34—65
John Senden, Australia	33-33—66
Alistair Presnell, Australia	36-31—67
Bronson La'Cassie, Australia	34-34—68
Marc Leishman, Australia	33-35—68
Also	
Ronald Harvey, Sussex, N.B.	**37-36—73**

NEDBANK CHALLENGE

At Sun City, South Africa
Par 72
First Round

Padraig Harrington, Ireland	34-32—66
Ross Fisher, England	33-34—67
Lee Westwood, England	35-33—68
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	35-34—69
Justin Rose, England	33-37—70

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	334	266
N.Y. Jets	9	2	0	.818	264	187
Miami	6	5	0	.545	205	225
Buffalo	2	9	0	.182	229	295

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	282	252
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	240	294
Houston	5	6	0	.455	264	287
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	257	218

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	250	188
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	254	181
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	216	229
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	225	288

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	285	231
San Diego	6	5	0	.545	310	225
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	255	256
Denver	3	8	0	.273	250	323

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	277	240
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	310	257
Washington	5	6	0	.455	215	262
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	256	301

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	2	0	.818	276	209
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	265	197
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	219	223
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	140	276

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	222	172
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	269	166
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	189	239
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	258	282

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	209	275
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	213	231
San Francisco	4	7	0	.364	187	225
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	194	319

WEEK 13

Last night's result
Houston at Philadelphia
Sunday's games
(All times Eastern)
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

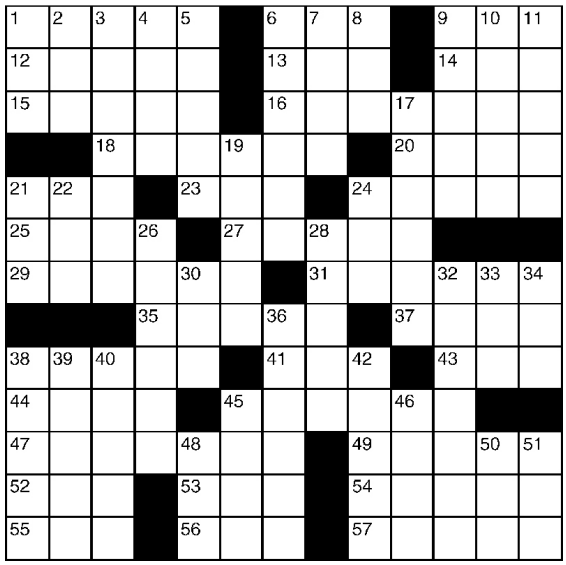
FOOTBALL

NCAA

AP TOP 25

(All times Eastern)
Tonight's game
No. 24 Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
No. 1 Oregon at Oregon State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 Auburn vs. **No. 18** South Carolina at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
No. 9 Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
No. 10 Oklahoma vs. **No. 13** Nebraska at Arlington, Texas, 8 p.m.
No. 12 Virginia Tech vs. **No. 20** Florida State at Charlotte, N.C, 7:45 p.m.
No. 14 Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
No. 23 West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon
No. 25 Hawaii vs. UNLV, 10:30 p.m.

Crossword



Across

1 Group character
6 Craze
9 Prescription safety org.
12 Make minor adjustments
13 Honest politician
14 Botanical bristle
15 Hidden store
16 Fastened a seat belt
18 Persian Gulf land
20 Capri or Wight
21 Cowboy's sweetie
23 Resort
24 Undoes deles
25 Newspaper page
27 Cove
29 Enact
31 Ms. Franklin
35 Possibly could
37 Apprehend
38 Macho type
41 — glance
43 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
44 "Oh, woe!"
45 Man with all the answers?
47 Drunk
49 Swelling
52 Sch. group
53 Pink-slip
54 Oft-dunked treats
55 Ever-green type
56 Peak (Abbr.)
57 13-Across' in-laws

Down

1 List-ending abbr.
2 Old "Up, up and away" carrier
3 Badgered a performer
4 Hawaiian island
5 Distorts
6 "Turn Me Loose" singer
7 Touch
8 Calendar abbr.
9 Untrue
10 Lived
11 Llamas' range
17 One of a nursery rhyme trio
19 Mimicry
21 Sticky stuff
22 Auto financing abbr.
24 Sun. speech
26 Reversible fabric
28 Coffee-house order
30 "There's no — team"
32 Took on
33 With it
34 — carte
36 Solidify
38 Glad
39 Upper crust
40 Colorful parrot
42 Monk's superior
45 Libretto
46 Modern-day money
48 Felon's flight
50 Deity
51 Curvy character

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	B	B	A	■	M	U	M	■	G	M	A	N
N	E	A	P	■	U	S	E	■	L	U	R	E
T	A	L	L	■	S	A	M	■	A	S	I	A
I	N	M	O	S	T	■	O	L	D	H	A	T
■	■	■	M	O	A	■	■	E	E	R	■	■
J	A	M	B	■	C	A	M	I	S	O	L	E
A	B	U	■	■	H	O	U	■	■	O	A	R
W	A	S	T	R	E	L	S	■	S	M	O	G
■	■	C	O	P	■	■	I	N	N	■	■	■
T	R	A	U	M	A	■	C	O	A	R	S	E
O	U	T	S	■	B	A	A	■	T	I	E	R
R	E	E	L	■	E	L	L	■	C	L	A	N
I	D	L	E	■	T	I	S	■	H	E	R	S

Sudoku

	8		4		5		7	
		5	9		3	4		
	2	9				3	5	
			6		8			
5								4
			3		1			
	5	2				7	8	
		1	2		9	6		
	6		5		7		4	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	8	2	5	4	7	6	9	1
7	6	5	1	3	9	2	4	8
4	1	9	8	6	2	5	7	3
9	2	8	6	7	1	4	3	5
1	7	3	9	5	4	8	2	6
5	4	6	3	2	8	9	1	7
6	9	7	4	1	5	3	8	2
2	5	4	7	8	3	1	6	9
8	3	1	2	9	6	7	5	4

Send a KISS

Show some love! Send a note to somebody special at kiss@metronews.ca

Yellow: From the letters, to the blogs, to this... I always put it best in writing, "I love you!" **HAPPY G7 BEAUTIFUL :)**

Dearest Lexi, i know things have been rough for us this past month but i want you to know i dont love you any less. I love you now and forever and have not given up. I ask you not to either. I love you and am sorry for everything. Love always, **ADNAAN.**

P.S. IM SO GLAD YOU ARE IN MY LIFE AND THAT I MET YOU

Kristen, You are my everything my anything. All that I know and all that I want. Without you I am nothing with you I am everything. Alone we are weak together we can last forever. **STEFANO**

Hi shabola, kisses from the mokhayam, happy 10 years!!

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Something out of the ordinary will happen today, something you will enjoy immensely, but don't just stand there admiring your luck – use it to create even more good things for yourself in the future

♉ Taurus April 21-May What happens over the next 24 hours may take you by surprise but it will be one of those surprises that work in your favor, so be ready for it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The direct approach is by far the best approach today, so let everyone know how you feel and what they can do to make you feel even better.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Shake up your everyday routine. Use Mars in the work area of your chart to get on top of your chores. Do everything at double quick time

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Do something that takes those you live, work and do business with by surprise – and if it shocks them too then so much the better. You're a Leo and people expect you to be a bit outrageous

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Before you open your mouth and give your opinion on one of the burning issues of the day stop for a moment and think what the consequences might be.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Boredom is a cardinal sin and you will do whatever it takes to liven things up a bit today. Practical jokes will go down well with those who are watching

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Whatever you do today there will be someone who disapproves. Do you care? Of course not.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Mars in your sign, at odds with Uranus, makes you want to tear up what you are doing and start again from scratch. But is that wise?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will get the chance to change something today, something you wish you had changed a long time ago. This time you won't waste the opportunity. This time you will be bold and see it through. This time you won't chicken out.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There are so many good causes out there that would benefit from your input, but you cannot possibly help them all. What is it that you most want to change in the world? How can you do that? So do it. Now.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 It's not true that you never take chances and you'll go out of your way to prove it today as Mars, planet of action, links to Uranus, planet of changes. It's time to stir things up a bit.

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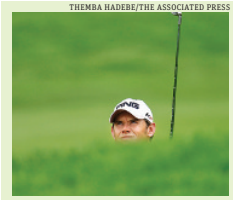

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